

Media Release

Caroline County, Virginia Wins Fourth CEDA Award

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Alan Partin, Interim County Administrator
Bowling Green--

Caroline County has won the 2011 CEDA Award (Community and Economic Development Award) from the Virginia Economic Developers Association (VEDA), population 15,000 to 40,000 for the recruitment of the McKesson Corporation distribution center.

Caroline County's Population is 28,545.

This award is given to the community that has produced an outstanding achievement in the practice of economic development in one of a number of possible areas of practice. Caroline's recognition is for using transferable and innovative practices that elevate the profession of economic development in business recruitment while producing exceptional measurable results.

This CEDA Award is the County's third Virginia CEDA Award, more than any other Virginia community; and Caroline has also won a CEDA Award for the entire South from the Southern Economic Development Council (SEDC), making four in all. By winning the State award, Caroline will automatically be entered into the SEDC competition for the south for 2011.

The award was accepted by Director of Economic Development & Tourism, Gary Wilson at the VEDA conference in Charlottesville on April 8.

The Caroline County Board of Supervisors showed outstanding leadership during the intense and lengthy negotiations with McKesson. All members were unstinting with their time and advice; and at each major step the Board took practical steps to realize the successful recruitment.

County Administration and County Departments such as Planning and Community Development and Utilities applied expert solutions to various technical challenges to make the recruitment possible. The McKesson recruitment was large, lengthy and complex and required the whole team of County elected officials and staff to give Caroline County the winning outcome.

McKesson Corporation is currently constructing its 340,000 sq. ft. distribution center in the Caroline Commerce Center near the 104 Interchange of Interstate 95. The recruitment was the largest private investment in Virginia by square footage in 2010. The distribution center should be completed in early 2012.

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