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Lummus Named CEO of Upstate SC Alliance

Today the Upstate SC Alliance announced the selection of John Lummus as its new President and Chief Executive Officer. The announcement comes after a four month process led by Search Committee Chairman and Executive Committee Officer Max Metcalf, with support from FGP International.

"We are excited for the breadth of experience that John brings to the Upstate SC Alliance," stated Jim Evers, Chairman of the Upstate SC Alliance Executive Committee. "With his knowledge of both the organization and region, we are confident he will hit the ground running."

Lummus is currently serving as the Vice President of Economic and Institutional Advancement for Tri-County Technical College, a position he has held since 2006. Prior to that position, he served for four years as the Director of the Anderson County Office of Economic Development. Lummus has a vast array of experience in the areas of fundraising, economic development and governmental affairs and has served on the boards of the South Carolina Economic Developer's Association, the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce and the Upstate SC Alliance.

As President and CEO of the Upstate SC Alliance, Lummus will oversee the marketing and business development strategies of the organization and play the lead role in building consensus and relationships amongst its many stakeholders. He will also oversee all aspects of the Upstate SC Alliance operations, setting the tone and expectations for performance within the organization.

"I have been a strong advocate of the Upstate SC Alliance since its inception in 2000," states Lummus. "It is my distinct honor to now have the opportunity to work alongside its talented staff and dedicated leadership in order to take the Upstate of South Carolina and this Alliance to the next level."

Jennifer Miller, the Alliance Vice President and an eight-year veteran of the organization, has served as interim CEO since the announcement of former CEO Hal Johnson's resignation in November 2013. Lummus begins serving in his new role with the Upstate SC Alliance on April 7.

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