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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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#### **Robinson Accepted to Prestigious Economic Development Leadership Program**

SUMMERVILLE, S.C. (January 19, 2018) – Madelyn Robinson, AICP, Director of Administration & Economic Development has been accepted to the Advanced Economic Development Leadership Program. She was also awarded a partial scholarship from one of the sponsoring universities to participate. The education program is a collaboration of Texas Christian University (TCU), The University of Alabama, Clemson University and the University of Southern Mississippi.

The two-week class begins with a weeklong session in February and then meets again in August for an additional session. More than fifty mid and senior level economic development professionals applied for the inaugural advanced program representing organizations and governments across the United States. Upon completion Robinson will be awarded the Master Practitioner diploma from the partner universities.

“The partnership is unique in that it not only brings together subject matter experts in the academic field of economic development but also practitioners that face the real life challenges in city planning, economic diversification and leadership development. These two perspectives will provide an exceptional learning opportunity for professionals,” says Jim Roach, executive director of the TCU Neeley Executive Education. Neal Wade, the leading architect of the program and director of the University of Alabama Economic Development Academy added that “each participant will return to their communities better prepared to create quality jobs, enhance local revenues and engage the community in active, broad-based economic development.”

Robinson has worked for the Town of Summerville for 14 years in the areas of planning, economic development and administrative services. To learn more about these departments visit [www.summervillesc.gov](http://www.summervillesc.gov)

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