

New Partnerships Through The Chason Group Provide Expanded Services For Communities and Organizations

(January, 2016) The Chason Group has announced two new strategic partnerships that will expand programs offered by the consulting group for communities and organizations. New services include strategic planning sessions, project management, and executive coaching. The Chason Group is already recognized in the area of executive search services for chambers of commerce, economic development groups, and non-profit organizations.

Expansion of Executive Search Services



Randy Cardoza, former commissioner for the Georgia Department of Economic Development, has partnered with Tim Chason and The Chason Group to expand its executive search services for non-profit organizations serving communities. Randy has 38 years of economic and community development experience at the local, regional and state level. Most recently, he was Managing Director of Economic & Community Development for AGL Resources, a major natural gas utility company. Randy served in that role for over eight years before retiring in March 2012. He is past president of the Georgia Economic Developers Association as well as the recipient of the distinguished Rip Riley Award for Professional Excellence and an Honorary Lifetime Member of the organization. Since retiring he is focusing on economic and community development projects for communities. Randy served as Interim Executive Director for the Industrial Asset Management Council from October, 2013-September, 2014. He is a graduate of East Tennessee State University, the U.S. Chamber Institute for Organizational Management and Leadership Georgia.

Strategic Planning Sessions and Executive Coaching Now Offered

Charlie Gatlin, former deputy commissioner for the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDECD), has also partnered with The Chason Group to offer community and economic development strategic planning sessions as well as executive coaching. Charlie's economic development career spans 39 years. He is currently serving as consulting senior advisor to GDECD, the state agency responsible for promoting, marketing and supporting economic growth and job creation; and the Georgia Allies, a public-private marketing partnership of GDECD and major Georgia corporations. From 2009-2011, Charlie was Director of Economic & Community Development at Electric Cities of Georgia (ECG). ECG provides strategic and technical services to Georgia cities that operate a community-owned public power utility. He is a past president and past board member of the Georgia Economic Developers Association (GEDA), which recognized him in 2002 with the Rip Wiley Award for Professional Excellence, and honored him with an Honorary Lifetime Member Award in 2009. Charlie is a Certified Economic Developer (CEd) and graduate of the University of Georgia.



Recap of The Chason Group Services



Tim Chason formed The Chason Group in 2003 as a consulting firm serving businesses and non-profit organizations. Tim has over thirty years of experience in the business and non-profit world. His professional career began in 1983 when he was selected to serve as the President of the Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce in Cartersville, Georgia. In 1993, Tim was tapped to join the Georgia Chamber of Commerce team as Senior Vice President of Economic Development and promoted to Chief Operating Officer in 1996. From 2007 – 2013 he served as Executive Vice President of Callaway Gardens Resort near Columbus, Georgia. Tim graduated from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) in Tifton, Georgia and the University of Georgia. He served as an elected member of the Cartersville City School Board and a member of the Board of Advisors for North Metro Technical College (now Chattahoochee Technical College) in Acworth, Georgia on two occasions. Tim is a graduate of Leadership Georgia, former president of the Georgia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. In September of 2015, he was named to the Board of Trustees for the Professional Association of Georgia Educators Foundation.

Services now offered by The Chason Group include: executive search services; strategic planning sessions; building and implementing operating structures; project management; and executive coaching for developing leaders. The partnerships with Randy Cardoza and Charlie Gatlin, combined with Tim's community and economic development service, represent over 110 years of experience with local and state organizations, leading to the creation of thousands of jobs throughout Georgia. For more information about The Chason Group, please visit our website at www.thechasongroup.com or contact Tim at 404/735-0540.