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Bill Taylor

President

**Economic Development Partnership
of Alabama**

Following a successful career in the automotive industry that spanned 38 years, Bill Taylor accepted a new role as President of the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama on July 1, 2009.

Prior to joining EDPA, Taylor was President and CEO of Mercedes-Benz U.S. International. A native of London, Ontario, Taylor came to Alabama when MBUSI located in the state in 1993. He was a key figure in the start-up of the new plant, led production for five years and became president of the company in 1999. Taylor was instrumental in the establishment of the Mercedes Production System, which is now a global standard for all Mercedes-Benz plants in achieving the highest levels of quality and efficiency.

Taylor oversaw the plant's \$600-million expansion, which was completed at the end of 2004, as well as the beginning of a \$300-million expansion underway to prepare for successor models. The plant employs more than 3,000 Team Members – significantly more than the 1,500 originally planned back in 1993.

As president of one of the best-known companies in the state, Taylor was often called on to meet with prospective companies considering Alabama for new facilities. He also worked with communities and regions across the state, offering input and advice on economic development efforts. Taylor served on the EDPA Board of Directors from 2000 to 2009 and was actively involved in Alabama's economic development efforts through participation in a number of state and local initiatives related to workforce development, community development and existing industry retention and expansion.

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Next Tuesday's Program January 26, 2010 - 12 noon

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Upcoming Programs

- Feb 2 Gene Hallman, President/CEO
Bruno Event Team
- Feb 9 Jay Dardenne, Louisiana Secretary of State
"History of Louisiana"
- GUEST DAY Jay is back by popular demand. This will be a great time to invite a prospective member, co-worker or VIP client.
- Feb 16 Fred McCallum, State President
AT&T Alabama
- Feb 24 We have graciously given our Tuesday date to The
KIWANIS WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK
Rotary International Large Club Conference - Closing Ceremony/Meeting.
- Guest Speaker for our Wednesday meeting:
Donte' Wilson, CEO - BB&T Bank

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The KCOB Board of Directors will meet Tuesday,
January 26 at 11:15 a.m. in Room A
The Harbert Center, 3rd Floor.

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