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Veteran Salt Lake County Economic Development Director Dale Carpenter To Retire

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Salt Lake City, UT—Mayor Ben McAdams today announced that Salt Lake County’s director of economic development—Dale Carpenter—is retiring after serving for eight years in that position. Carpenter became director in 2005.

“Dale has had a long, distinguished career in promoting economic development in Utah. Thanks to his hard work, together with that of his team at Salt Lake County, we’ve become one of the most attractive areas in the country for business to operate and grow. Thousands of jobs have been created and many Utah families have prospered, as a direct result of his efforts,” said Mayor McAdams.

“I am appreciative for the opportunity I have had to work in the economic development profession for over 30 years and to serve the citizens of Salt Lake County in that area these past eight years. I thank Mayor Ben McAdams and former Mayor Peter Corroon, my superlative economic development colleagues and the Salt Lake County Council,” said Carpenter.

McAdams noted the extensive list of accomplishments during Carpenter’s time at Salt Lake County, including:

- Implementing five tax increment projects within Salt Lake County’s townships.
- Implementing UPGRADE—small business training and help program as an integral part of County Economic Development.
- Starting Utah Facts Book for Economic Development efforts throughout the county and the state.
- Helping to secure numerous grants to further economic development.
- Achieving Foreign Trade Zone designation, allowing for duty-free manufacturing and production.

- Partnering successfully with other economic development entities and local Chambers of Commerce.
- Fostering innovation and entrepreneurship, resulting in the Salt Lake County area being ranked as one of the top ten "Best to Invest" regions in the U.S. in 2012.

"Our community has been greatly benefited by Dale's years of devoted public service in economic development," said Lane Beattie, president and CEO of the Salt Lake Chamber. "He has been a strong supporter of the Chamber and the business community and he's always been a pleasure to work with."

"We offer our congratulations to Dale for his many years of service to our community and his important role with EDCUtah, working with the mayor, our board and staff. He is the consummate economic development professional and we count ourselves fortunate to have had the chance to work with him at Salt Lake County and in his prior role at the State of Utah. He has been a tireless advocate for bringing new economic opportunities to all areas of the county, both large and small, and for positioning the county as an economic partner with its cities. We have also appreciated his understanding of the essential role Salt Lake County plays in statewide economic development, as the home of our capital city and the state's greatest economic engine. He has also been instrumental in bringing national attention to our area as a premier business destination. We will miss his great enthusiasm but wish him well in his next endeavors," said Jeff Edwards, President and CEO of EDCUtah.

"Dale Carpenter has been a great advocate for economic development in the County and the State. He has been extremely effective in collaborating with cities and has fostered a positive and team approach in retaining and recruiting businesses into our area. He will be greatly missed and we wish him well in his future endeavors," said Dan Snarr, Mayor of Murray City.

Mayor McAdams said efforts are underway to hire a new county economic development director to head the current team.

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