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Salt Lake County Mayor Hires New Economic Development Director To Focus On Unincorporated Area

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Salt Lake County, UT—Salt Lake County Mayor Ben McAdams is announcing the hiring of Brigham Mellor as his new economic development director for the townships and communities of the unincorporated area of the county. Brigham N. Mellor will join McAdams' economic development team on December 9th.

"Economic growth is the best way to balance our budget for the unincorporated area and keep taxes low. There are some great opportunities throughout the townships and other parts of unincorporated Salt Lake County to attract new business and expand existing businesses. Brigham's experience and skills will help give us the competitive advantage we need," said McAdams.

McAdams said Mellor has been Economic Research Manager for EDCUtah for the past four years. EDCUtah is the private, nonprofit organization that collaborates with state and local governments and private industry to attract new economic investment. In that role, Mellor produced all of the EDCUtah economic publications and provided research data to over 70 companies that have expanded or relocated to Utah. He is a member of the American Economic Association, the International Economic Development Council and the Utah Economic Development Alliance. Mellor holds both an undergraduate and a master's degree in economics from the University of Utah.

Salt Lake County Township Executive Patrick Leary, who oversees management and delivery of services to the unincorporated area, said having someone to focus exclusively on economic development is critical to providing taxpayers the most bang for the buck.

"The county has not been on the radar for companies

looking to locate or expand despite its wealth of possibilities. With Brigham on the team, those days are over," said Leary.

Mellor says that over the last two years Utah has recruited some 22,000 jobs to the state through economic development efforts and while 60 percent of those companies and jobs landed in Salt Lake County, none landed in the unincorporated area.

"With its population and land resources combined, unincorporated Salt Lake County would be the second largest "city" in the state. I've spent the last four years preparing for an opportunity such as this. It's time for unincorporated county to get its piece of the economic development pie," said Mellor.

McAdams says Mellor's hiring advances his effort to bolster a top-notch team of economic development professionals working on behalf of residents and taxpayers in the county.

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