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Amy Furfori Selected as New Executive Director of the Montgomery Economic Development Corporation

Montgomery, Illinois – March 10, 2008 – The Montgomery Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) has selected Amy Furfori to fill the position of Executive Director, effective March 31, 2008.

MEDC Chair Danny Caballero (Gusto Packing) and Immediate Past Chair Ken Spaeth (Old Second Bank) coordinated the interview process with Interim Executive Director Jo Ellen Charlton and the MEDC Executive Committee. Spaeth commented, “The MEDC is fortunate to be tapping an individual that combines broad experience with specific knowledge of Montgomery wrapped up in one person. Her skills will be instrumental in providing assistance to existing businesses as well as connecting new businesses with opportunities in the Village.”

Amy comes to the MEDC with over ten years of planning and development related experience in the public and private sectors. She holds undergraduate degrees in Architecture and Philosophy from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio; and has completed graduate level studies in architecture and urban and regional planning from the University of Illinois. She will be leaving her current position as a Senior Associate with Houseal Lavigne Associates in Naperville, Illinois, where she worked with many Chicago area communities on a variety of planning projects.

Ms. Furfori is not new to Montgomery development. Prior to her current position with Houseal Lavigne, she served as the Village of Montgomery’s Director of Community Development for over five years. During that time, she initiated procedures and policies for the newly formed position and oversaw planning and development during one of the most critical moments in Montgomery’s development history. Her accomplishments with the Village included overseeing approvals for developments totaling more than 2,500 acres, development of a new village to business newsletter, and securing grants and low-interest loans for the benefit of the community. Furfori commented, “I look forward to joining the MEDC and working with local professionals and entrepreneurs from all areas to make Montgomery the best choice for business.”

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