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Economic Development Veteran Elected to Lead

The Panhandle Regional Economic Development Coalition.

**Panhandle Regional Economic Development Coalition, Inc. (PREDCI)
announces Officers and new Board Members for 2008.**



(pictured: Scott Watson, Mike Bostic, Betty Viljoen and Brian Braley)

At PREDCI's Annual Board meeting held recently in Guymon , Oklahoma , PREDCI had the election of Officers for 2008. Representing the Northwest Workforce Investment Board, Mike Bostic, Executive Director of Oklahoma Economic Development Authority (OEDA) was elected as President of the Board of Directors. Bostic has 27 years as Executive Director of OEDA serving eight counties in Northwest Oklahoma with Community and Economic Development programs. Representing the Guymon Industrial Foundation, Brian Braley, President and owner of Guymon Heating and Air was elected to serve as Vice-President. Braley has served on the Board of Directors for the GIF for the past ten years and has operated his family business of over 50 years for the past 21 years. Representing the First National Bank of Texhoma, Scott Watson, Vice President and Mortgage Specialist was re-elected to serve as

Secretary/Treasurer. Watson has been with FNB for three years and has nine years of banking experience.

New to the 2008 Board of Directors are Mike Bostic, Executive Director of OEDA and Trent Bolin, Public Works Manager for Town of Texhoma , Oklahoma .

Other Board members include:

Ted Graham, Interim City Manager representing the City of Guymon, Ron Strecker, CEO of PTCI, Jack Perkins representing Tri County Electric, John Grunewald, Farm Credit of Western OK, Jim Grocholski, CEO of Memorial Hospital of Texas County, Alyssa Locke, MidFirst Bank, Jim Sarchet representing Seaboard Farms, Mike Shannon representing Guymon Chamber of Commerce, Mark Aubrey, Lodestar LLC, Vienna Lee, Executive Director of Morton County Economic Development, Sharon Wilson representing Bank of the Panhandle and Larry Wilson with OPSU.

PREDCI's newest member approved and welcomed into the Regional Partnership is the City of Beaver .

PREDCI's purpose is to promote economic development in the Oklahoma Panhandle, parts of the Texas Panhandle and Southwest Kansas . If you or your organization would like information on business development or would like to participate in the PREDCI organization, please contact Betty L.Viljoen, Executive Director at 580-338-8500 for more information.