

TO: HARDIN COUNTY MEDIA

FROM: ELIZABETHTOWN / HARDIN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
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The Board of Directors of the Elizabethtown/Hardin County Industrial Foundation ("EIF") announces that at its monthly meeting on April 27, 2005, a transition in the leadership of EIF was accomplished. After four years of distinguished service as Chairman of the EIF, Joe Prather respectfully requested not to be renominated as Chairman. Thus, Greg Jenkins was nominated and unanimously elected as the new Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Joe Prather is a well know public servant of Hardin County, having most recently served as State Senator for Hardin County prior to his service as Board Member and then Chairman of the EIF. With Joe's leadership, Hardin County has prospered in attracting new manufacturing jobs and in the creation of additional manufacturing jobs in existing industry. Hardin County currently has 64 industries which provides 7,146 manufacturing jobs.

An important part of economic development success is the acquisition of property and the building of infrastructure in order to locate new industry and accommodate expansions of existing industries. Joe Prather was an important part of the leadership of this community that restructured the financial partnership between EIF and the Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet that led to the acquisition and expansion of the industrial property available for Economic Development. During Joe Prather's term as Chairman, EIF acquired 308 acres of property now known as the TJ Patterson Industrial Park which was later expanded by an additional acquisition of 215 acres fronting on US 62. Additionally, 1500 acres of industrial property was acquired as the Glendale Industrial Site which now positions this community as the premier large scale industrial site in the state of Kentucky. Joe Prather will continue to serve as a Board Member of the EIF.

Greg Jenkins is President of Jenkins-Essex Construction, Inc., a General Contractor involved in industrial, institutional and commercial construction throughout central Kentucky. He is the fourth generation of his family to have worked in the business, which began in 1904. Prior to joining Jenkins-Essex in 1999, Greg had sixteen years of experience in the banking industry, the last six with PNC Bank where he served as Senior Vice President and Market CEO for Hardin County. Prior to returning to Elizabethtown, Greg was a Commercial Real Estate Lender based in Memphis, Tennessee and, prior to that, San Antonio, Texas. Greg is a 1982 graduate of Georgia Tech with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Building Construction.

Greg's community involvement includes being a Director of the Elizabethtown-Hardin County Industrial Foundation, the Hardin County Community Foundation, the Elizabethtown Chamber of Commerce, the Elizabethtown Rotary Club and a Commissioner of the Elizabethtown Planning Commission.