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Executive Team Promotions Announced at Kentucky Venues

Louisville, Ky. (Nov. 19, 2018)—President and CEO of Kentucky Venues, David S. Beck, announced promotions today to the executive team at Kentucky Venues. Kentucky Venues operates the Kentucky Exposition Center and the Kentucky International Convention Center.

“My vision is for Kentucky Venues to serve as an example of how state government can operate effectively and efficiently. We not only want to preserve the rich tradition of both properties but also enhance that tradition as well as the experience for future Kentuckians and guests,” said Beck.

“It’s an exciting time at our organization with the executive team now in place and ready to fulfill the vision of moving the business forward.”

All promotions involved staff already working within the organization. Linda Edwards, Kevin McCoy, and Shawn Hensler were among those promoted to new positions on the executive team.

Linda Edwards will serve as the Executive Director of Business Development and Marketing. Edwards will oversee the areas of sales, marketing, expositions and sponsorships at both properties of Kentucky Venues. She has been with the organization for 27 years. Prior to Kentucky Venues, Edwards spent 22 years in the hotel and tourism industry. Edwards is also a former high school teacher and flight attendant. She is a graduate of Western Kentucky University.

Kevin McCoy will serve as the Executive Director of Facility Planning and Management. McCoy will oversee the areas of maintenance, engineering, electrical, plumbing and operations at both properties of Kentucky Venues. He has been with the organization for 24 years. McCoy has served in a variety of roles within the Facility Planning and Management department during his tenure.

Shawn Hensler will serve as the Executive Director of Public Safety and Security. Hensler will oversee the areas of public safety and security at both properties of Kentucky Venues. He joined the team in May 2018. Prior to Kentucky Venues, Hensler spent 21 years with the Louisville Metro Police Department as a 2nd Division Sector Lieutenant, Downtown Area Patrol Police Commander and Assistant Commander of the Special Response Team. He is graduate of the Southern Police Institute.

Other members of the Executive Team at Kentucky Venues include:

- General Manger of the Kentucky Exposition Center, Kevin Moore
- General Manager of the Kentucky International Convention Center, Stacey Church
- Executive Director of Human Resources, Paul Herberg
- Executive Director of Communications, Cody Patterson
- General Counsel, Ellen Benzing

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