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PRESS RELEASE

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We are excited to announce that **Thomas "Tom" Elder** will be joining the County as the new **Director of Economic Development for Isle of Wight County**. Mr. Elder brings over 25 years of experience in the economic development and commercial real estate-related experience, including most recently serving as Executive Vice President for the Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance, which serves fifteen municipality members.

Mr. Elder received his Bachelor's Degree from Washington and Lee University and completed two years of professional education and development through the Economic Development Institute. His career spans both the public and private sectors, including over nine years of service in the City of Chesapeake Economic Development Department as the Assistant Director, serving as Marketing Manager for the Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance, and experience in the commercial real estate arena. Mr. Elder's professional affiliations include membership in the Hampton Roads Association of Commercial Real Estate and International Economic Development Council.

County Administrator, Anne Seward, extends a warm welcome to Mr. Elder and looks forward to having him on the County's Leadership Team. He will begin his employment with Isle of Wight County on June 1, 2015.