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**SELECTION OF THREE FINALISTS**  
**FOR SECRETARY OF THE CABINET FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The Executive Committee of the Kentucky Economic Development Partnership Board today submitted three candidates for the Secretary of Economic Development to the Governor for final selection as required by statute. The final three candidates were chosen from a list of six that were submitted by The Pace Group, a national executive search consultant group out of Tupelo, Mississippi and Austin, Texas.

The Pace Group specializes in searches for economic development, chambers of commerce, healthcare executives as well other senior-level positions. The firm was selected pursuant to the standard state procurement process to help the Partnership Board find potential candidates to fill the position. The firm has been in existence for nearly 15 years and has an outstanding national reputation and an excellent track record. They have been meeting with state and local officials, representatives from the private sector and legislators since March and contacted and interviewed many potential candidates before narrowing their submission to six. Those six candidates were submitted to the Executive Committee of the Partnership Board on April 25.

The Executive Committee then narrowed the list of candidates to the following three:

Richard A. Anderson, a Kentucky native and former Vice Chairman and President from BellSouth Corporation who is now retired and currently resides in Alpharetta, Georgia;

Patrick T. Murphy, Jr., a real estate sales and development agent with the Hart Corporation out of Marietta, Georgia who formerly served in the Georgia Department of Economic Development and has served as Director of Operations for PGA Tour Events; and

John Hindman, a retired Vice President of Strategic Communications and Public Affairs for UPS Airlines, currently working on contract with the Greater Louisville, Inc.

Pursuant to KRS 154.10-040, the Governor has the option of choosing one of these candidates or rejecting the first list of three and directing the Partnership to submit three new names.

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