

# The 2011 EDCUtah Annual Meeting **Making Our Own Rules**

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## **EDCUTAH ANNOUNCES 2010-2011 RESULTS**

*Organization Announces Great Performance and Board Retirements and Appointments*

(Salt Lake City, UT) – Economic Development Corporation of Utah (EDCUtah) today announced results of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. In our 2010-2011 fiscal year, 20 companies made the decision to come to or expand in Utah. These businesses include Black Diamond Equipment, Inc., Adobe Systems Inc., EMC Corporation, ATK Aerospace Structures and ITT Integrated Structures.

EDCUtah was successful in creating and retaining over 8,000 jobs in Utah, with almost \$800 million in new capital investment and 3.1 M square feet of real estate absorbed. Over the last three years, more than 18,000 jobs have been created/retained.

“Utah continues to achieve phenomenal media attention like the *Fortune* ranking for Salt Lake City as one of the top 15 cities in the world for business,” said Jeff Edwards, president and CEO of EDCUtah. “EDCUtah has over 250 projects on our books, and the number of site visits from companies and site-selectors continues to rise.”

The guest speaker for this year’s EDCUtah Annual Meeting was Wayne Rogers who provided his take on the economy through the eyes of an actor, entrepreneur and author. Rogers recently published his book “Make Your Own Rules”. (see BIO below for more information on Mr. Rogers)

EDCUtah reinstated its Board Officers to the second year of a two year term. They were Richard Walje – Rocky Mountain Power as Chairman, Ron Jibson – Questar Gas Company as Vice Chair, Private Sector, Mayor Tom Dolan – Sandy City as Vice Chair, Public Sector, Jill Taylor - KeyBank as Secretary / Treasurer and Jerry Fenn – Qwest as Past Chairman.

Rich Waljie, Chairman of EDCUtah’s Board of Trustees recognized retiring board of trustee members. They included Brad Knowlton, Ascent Construction; Johnathan Cohen, Coldwell Banker Residential Relocation Services; Chuck Penna, Penna Powers Brian Haynes; and Edward Ekstrom, vSpring. Appointed to

EDCUtah's Board of Trustees were Mayor David Parrish, Ephraim City; Dave Petersen, O.C. Tanner Company; John Evans, Okland Construction; Scott Hymas, R C Willey; Dale Campbell, R & O Construction; Senator Stuart Adams, Utah State Legislature and President Scott L. Wyatt, Snow College.

Chairman Walje also recognized the service of retiring EDCUtah Executive Committee member, Edward Ekstrom, vSpring. Appointed to the EDCUtah Executive Committee were Mayor Steve Curtis, Layton City; and Senator Stuart Adams, Utah State Legislature.

Edwards attributes the organization's success to the support it receives from both its public and private partners and the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

### **About EDCUtah**

EDCUtah is an investor-based public/private partnership working to promote the state of Utah. EDCUtah specializes in being a comprehensive source of critical economic data, as well as both public and private contacts in order to facilitate the recruitment of out-of-state companies and the expansion of local business.

### **About Wayne Rogers**

Mr. Rogers is a well-known professional actor, who was one of the stars of the television series M\*A\*S\*H\*, a Broadway Producer and is now a news contributor to the Fox Network and has been involved in investment activities for over forty years. These include real estate development, business management of a number of motion picture personalities, as well as co-ventures with other prominent individuals and institutions. He will be talking about his new book "Make Your Own Rules".

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