



## **News Release** (May 8, 2006)

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### **SCTDD Presents Legislative Awards**

The South Central Tennessee Development District has presented two local legislators with the prestigious *Legislator of the Year* Award: State Senator Doug Jackson, serving the 25th District (including Giles, Hickman, Lawrence, and Lewis Counties in the South Central District); and State Representative John Tidwell, serving the 74<sup>th</sup> District (including Perry, part of Hickman, and part of Maury County in the South Central District). The awards were presented at the Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Development District Association in Nashville.

SCTDD Executive Director Joe Max Williams states, "Senator Jackson and Representative Tidwell are being recognized for their outstanding leadership and participation in District programs. We could not be successful without the support of our legislators, as we design and implement programs for economic and community development across the District. Thanks to each one."

Senator Jackson comments, "It is an honor to be recognized by the SCTDD, which serves so many people in need. I am committed to supporting rural economic development, as we work to educate our workforce and regain our advantages and jobs in manufacturing. This is an investment in Tennessee's future and in our country's future. The SCTDD helps by working closely with our communities and industries to facilitate capital investment and job creation by employers."

Representative Tidwell notes, "I do appreciate this award. A primary concern for my district is dealing with the loss of small manufacturing jobs to other sources. Our Tennessee River Trails Association tourism project is a good source for economic development in counties all along the Tennessee River. We're using the resources we have to enrich our economy and boost employment. The SCTDD has been most helpful in the process, and it is a pleasure to work closely together for the betterment of our communities."

The South Central District includes 13 counties: Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Giles, Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Marshall, Maury, Moore, Perry, and Wayne. Development Districts were established by the State of Tennessee so each city and county could receive help in community development and job creation, often with federal and state grant money.

The SCTDD assists its member cities and counties with community development projects including water/sewer systems, fire equipment, and parks; economic development efforts such as infrastructure for industries and business loans to help create jobs; transportation including vans and buses for public use; and programs for aging such as senior centers and medical assistance.



*SCTDD Aging & Disability Dir. Ed Brooks, Senator Doug Jackson, and SCTDD Transportation Dir. Sanford Potts*



*Centerville City Recorder Patricia Skelton, Linden Mayor Jim Azbill, Rep. John Tidwell, Hickman Co. Mayor Steve Gregory, and Centerville Mayor Ronnie Martin*

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