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Debbie Goode Awarded with FEDC Volunteer of the Year

Goode recognized for her contributions to economic development in Brevard County.

Space Coast, FL (February 8, 2018) - Debbie Goode, partner at Carr, Riggs and Ingram CPAs and Advisors was honored with the 2017-2018 Volunteer of the Year Award by the Florida Economic Development Council (FEDC). Crystal Stiles, FEDC Board Chair, presented Goode with the award last night at the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast's (EDC) Board Meeting. This annual award honors individuals for their outstanding contributions to economic development in the state of Florida.

Goode has not only been a dedicated member and volunteer of the EDC since 2009, but she has also served as a catalyst for the Space Coast business community. In addition to being a founding member of the Space Coast Women in Defense, her vision was instrumental in starting FIT's mentoring program WeVenture and its League of Extraordinary Women, which raised approximately \$60,000 for the organization.

During her tenure as an EDC Officer, including two consecutive years as Board Chair, Goode provided the vision to develop a community marketing brochure that celebrates the economic drivers of Brevard County and promotes development resources on the Space Coast. The result, *Discover Business*, remains a key marketing tool for the EDC and the local business community.

Her recognition for the value of a strong base of volunteers led to over 40 new community leaders and business professionals offering their time to the EDC, advancing the mission of economic prosperity here in Brevard County.

"Debbie's passion to support the business community, her leadership, guidance, and outspoken support is helping shape a new vision for the future of the Space Coast," stated Lynda Weatherman, president and CEO of the EDC. "She continues to be a loyal ambassador for economic development and gives generously of her time and talent for the betterment of our community, while working closely with the EDC to ensure the Space Coast remains globally competitive."

"Volunteers are a critical component in Florida's economic development community each year," said Beth Kirkland, executive director of the FEDC. "It is an honor to present Ms. Goode with this award, as she has gone above and beyond for the economic health of Brevard County."

Pictured: Crystal Stiles presents Debbie Goode with the 2017-2018 Volunteer of the Year Award by the Florida Economic Development Council.



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About the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast

The Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast (EDC) is dedicated to attracting new business and investment and expanding existing industry throughout the Space Coast, influencing change on government laws and regulations affecting economic development, promoting the Space Coast to encourage new investment, supporting efforts of Space Coast military installations, and relaying new programs and procedures to assist manufacturing and high-tech companies. The EDC is a private, not-for-profit coalition whose stakeholders are business leaders committed to the economic growth and stability of Florida's Space Coast. Visit www.SpaceCoastEDC.org

About the Florida Economic Development Council

The Florida Economic Development Council is a membership-based not-for-profit (501c6) corporation that relies on support from its members and investors to educate and inform business and government leaders about key economic development issues and initiatives. The FEDC is Florida's primary resource for economic development related policy development, education and networking. The Florida Economic Development Council is open to individuals, agencies, and companies who are interested in growing the economy of Florida. More information can be found at www.FEDCOnline.org