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Mr. Whipple is Director of Economic Development for Lexington County, South Carolina and has over 35 years of economic development and finance related experience. He is an alumnus of South Carolina State University; the Louisiana State University Graduate School of Banking of the South; University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute and the SC Economic Development Advanced Symposium.

He has participated in the following leadership programs: SC Executive Institute; Leadership SC; Leadership Lexington County and Leadership Columbia. His career focus has been in the Banking, Finance and Economic Development arena. He has been directly involved in more than \$7.5 billion in various finance and economic development transactions across South Carolina and the globe.

Mr. Whipple is currently an Executive Committee Member and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Southern Economic Development Council, a 17 southern state, 1,000-member economic development trade organization. He is a former president of South Carolina Economic Developers' Association, a 600 member economic development trade organization for the State of South Carolina. Additionally, he is a faculty member of the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute. He also chairs the Board of Directors for South Carolina State University Advancement Foundation.