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Economic Development Firm Announces New Project Manager

COLUMBIA, S.C. (April 17, 2014) - Columbia-based Sagacious Partners has added Lauren Liles as a Senior Project Manager, boosting the economic development and consulting firm's expertise in relational and project management, economic development, and communications strategy.

Liles will be overseeing statewide and regional projects related to transportation, distribution and logistics, alternative energy, education, recycling, and others.

"Sagacious Partners continues to attract highly talented people who are difference-makers for our clients from day one," said Neil McLean, founder and managing partner of Sagacious Partners. "Lauren's familiarity with economic development, along with her strong community connections and diverse skill set will make her an incredibly valuable asset to our team."

Before joining Sagacious Partners, Liles spent 5 years working at the University of South Carolina in the Office of Economic Engagement, Innovista and President's office where she managed economic development outreach initiatives, communication strategies, and served as a liaison to corporate business partners connecting them to the many resources of the university. Before USC, Liles worked for U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham in Washington, DC, on the Senator's personal staff for 4 years.

Liles graduated magna cum laude from the University of South Carolina Honors College earning a bachelor's degree in marketing and management from the Darla Moore School of Business. She received her M.B.A. from the Darla Moore School of Business in 2013.

About Sagacious Partners

Sagacious Partners, LLC, is an award-winning, Columbia, SC-based economic development firm dedicated to helping regions and states around the U.S. build robust, innovation-driven economies. The firm brings over 40 years of experience providing top tier strategies, technology, economic development, and implementation experience to clients. The firm's expertise includes next generation economic development strategy, program management, assessment of partnerships and alliances, economic networks, association management, and technology-based economic development. Clients include municipalities, universities, and regional and statewide economic development organizations that share a common goal to create a more prosperous region. Learn more at www.sagaciouspartners.com.

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