

VW TEAM DRAFT

Chamber Forms Volkswagen Team

The Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce has formed a special unit called the Volkswagen Team to act as a conduit for communications between the local community and Volkswagen officials.

“From the start of the Volkswagen recruitment process, the Chamber had the honor of being the company’s one-stop point of contact for all local information and resources,” said Chamber President and CEO Tom Edd Wilson. Now, as part of our commitment to Volkswagen and our business community, we have established an office where we will handle local inquiries and disseminate information. At the same time, we will work with Volkswagen to resolve issues related to the site and support their efforts to locate suppliers.”

Trevor Hamilton will lead the team in his capacity as the Chamber’s vice president of economic development. According to Hamilton, the initiative aims to maximize Volkswagen’s local economic impact. “Our community can only achieve its job creation goals from this project by partnering to help make Volkswagen successful in the U.S.,” Hamilton said. “At the same time, the Chamber’s Volkswagen Team is working hard to help Volkswagen connect with local contractors and suppliers.”

Operating as a division of the Chamber’s economic development department, the team represents a partnership between the state of Tennessee and the Chamber. In addition to Hamilton, the Chamber’s Volkswagen team will consist of Scott Cooper, Chrissy Nolan, and Blake Poole, who works for the state of Tennessee as Special Assistant to Matt Kisber, Commissioner of Economic and Community Development.

Poole, who has almost 30 years experience as a lobbyist for Delta Air Lines, is a veteran at working with business people, community leaders and politicians. He holds a degree in political science from Furman University.

Cooper is leaving the state as job development specialist to work for the Chamber Volkswagen Team as economic development specialist. His job with the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development included recruiting new business and industry to the region, assisting existing industry with expansion and growth and maintaining relationships with local and regional economic development partners. Cooper holds a B.A. degree in mass communication from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Nolan, who will serve as special assistant to the VW Team, attended the Baylor School and received a degree in marketing with a minor in German from the University of Georgia. Her experiences in an exchange program with a German family during high school and her study in Austria during college make her a valuable resource for the Volkswagen Team.

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