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## Roush Joins SKED General Membership

SOMERSET, Ky. – A Pulaski County man is one of four new members elected to the Southeast Kentucky Economic Development (SKED) Corporation’s General Membership Board in April.

Scott Roush, director of manufacturing at Summit Aviation, joins the board with more than 20 years of manufacturing leadership experience. He’s worked closely with the U.S. Japanese automotive industry to learn its continuous improvement tools to provide innovative solutions for difficult sourcing problems. He previously held operations management positions at both UGN Automotive and Duraflame in Pulaski County. He completed his collegiate studies at Purdue University and has extensive operations and lean manufacturing experience.



**SCOTT ROUSH**

“I am extremely excited and honored to work with SKED to help the continued growth of our region,” Roush said. “As a father of three, I am dedicated to providing opportunities for our youth close to home and this organization has always been a driving force on that front.”

The 25-member General Membership Board is composed of some of the region’s best and brightest leaders from the banking, education, business, utility and economic development industries. Members serve as at-large liaisons for the nonprofit economic development organization at home in their respective communities.

In this its 32<sup>nd</sup> year of service to a 45-county service region in Southeast Kentucky, the SKED Board of Directors has installed four new members to its General Membership Board. They include: Roush; Dr. Jennifer Lindon, president and CEO of Hazard Community &

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Technical College; Terry Spears, with Community Bank & Trust; and Steve Allen, with University of the Cumberlands.

SKED Executive Director Brett Traver says Roush has been an important partner in building SKED's Supplier Education & Economic Development program.

"Scott's expertise in the manufacturing sector and the defense contracting arena will bring a wide range of experience to the board" Traver said.

The four new members join 21 other local leaders on the board. They include Corey Craig, president of Citizens Bank of Mt. Vernon; Ben Sams, account executive with Cisco Systems; Praetorian Standard Inc. Project Manager David Blakeman; Somerset CPA Shirley Gifford; Lake Cumberland Area Development District Director Darryl McGaha as at-large director; Charlene Harris, president and CEO of First National Bank of Russell Springs; Virginia Flanagan, special assistant to the President of Campbellsville University; Tim Barnes, president and CEO of Hometown Bank; Daryl Smith, economic development project manager with Kentucky Utilities; Tim Gibbs, president and CEO of Ashland Alliance and Carol Wright, president and CEO of Jackson Energy Cooperative and Bruce Carpenter, Corbin Economic Development Agency executive director;

Rodney Hitch, East Kentucky Power economic development manager; Josh Branscum, Branscum Construction Co. executive vice-president; David Ledford, Boneal, Inc., Executive VP; Billy Hough, Kentucky Bank market President; Tim Dalton, Monticello Banking Company commercial lender; Denise Thomas, Big Sandy ADD Community & Economic Development Associate; Bob Helton, Morehead Rowan County Economic Development Corp. executive director; Ron McMahan, Team Taylor County executive director; Mike Trosper, London-Laurel County Industrial Development Authority member

SKED is a non-profit economic development organization and a Certified Development Corporation (CDC). The organization was formed 32 years ago by Fifth District Congressman Hal Rogers to create jobs in Southeast Kentucky.

SKED's offices are based in Somerset, serving a 45-county service region. A staff of nine professionals works with business owners, small and large, to identify financing solutions to fund their location, expansion and working capital needs, and provide them the technical assistance and training they need to succeed. For more information about SKED, visit our website: [www.southeastkentucky.com](http://www.southeastkentucky.com) or call (606) 677-6100.