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## **Chester County Economic Development Council promotes John Buckheit to Chief Financial Officer**

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**EXTON** \_ The Chester County Economic Development Council has promoted John Buckheit to Chief Financial Officer.

“John has done an outstanding job as Controller” said Gary Smith, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Development Council. “In his expanded role as Chief Financial Officer, he will contribute enormously to future Council initiatives.”

Buckheit, a Pennsylvania CPA who lives in Exton, has more than 20 years of financial experience, mostly in management positions including 16 years as Vice President and Controller in the software and services industry. He has a demonstrated ability to analyze an organization’s operations and provide decision-making data which help to improve ongoing profitability.

“The CFO position has become very important for us given the growth of the organization and the increased level of loan and grant activity,” said Michael Grigalonis, Chief Operating Officer of the Economic Development Council.

Buckheit is a graduate of the University of Connecticut. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The Chester County Economic Development Council is a private, non-profit economic development organization that has been nurturing economic growth in Chester County and the surrounding region for more than 45 years. The Council’s portfolio of business growth services includes: low-interest financing, small business lending, workforce training, retention and expansion, customized international business assistance, land and building site selection, brownfields consultation and remediation, urban redevelopment, and agricultural economic development. The Council also offers state-of-the art conference and training facilities at its brand new facility in Eagleview. For more information, see [www.cceconomicdevelopment.com](http://www.cceconomicdevelopment.com).