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## Development Authorities Approve Purchase of Land

The Development Authority of Floyd County (DAFC) and Rome-Floyd County Development Authority (RFCDA) agreed to option nearly 400 acres of land for the purpose of creating primary jobs. The land is near the northeastern corner of Highways 53 and 140 in Northeastern Floyd County.

The two Authorities signed two options, one to secure approximately 330 acres adjacent to Highway 53, and the second one which will provide a southern connection to Highway 140. This additional property is vital to the continued economic growth and job creation potential for Rome and Floyd County.

DAFC Chairman **Sam Freeman (LR'95)** described the protections and covenants which will govern the use of this property. "As always, we will be good servants of the community and will strive to attract those companies that are good stewards of the land. We will develop this property with primary employers in mind, so we are selective about the use of it."

RFCDA Chairman **Willis Potts** spoke about the importance of having large tracts of land available for industrial purposes. "Employers repeatedly tell us that they are not interested in land unless it is publicly controlled. These options now give us the opportunity to recruit those industries that need large amounts of land and need to be close to the interstate." The new industrial site will be eight miles from I-75 along Highway 140, which is scheduled to be four-laned. ■

## Ambassador of the Quarter



*Cal Owens*

Congratulations to **Cal Owens (LR'92)**, *Calaco Communications Company*, for being named Ambassador of the Quarter for the fourth quarter of 2005. Cal is very active in the Chamber including his attendance to Ribbon Cuttings, Business After Hours events and his participation in the Education Committee. He is also instrumental in the recruitment and retention of Chamber members. Cal was recognized at the February Board of Directors meeting with an award and was Person of the Day on *K-98 Radio*.

*Congratulations, Cal, and thank you for all of your support with the Chamber and the community!* ■

## 2006 Ambassadors Are Appointed

**Mary Beth Bentley**, *K-98 Radio*  
**Kaye Couey**, *Days Inn of Rome*  
**Valorie Davis**, *Heritage First Bank*  
**Christine Earp**, *ImpactU Consulting Group*  
**Jill Graves**, *ShawHankins*  
**Chick Harvey**, *NW GA Council of the Boy Scouts*  
**Lori Leonard**, *Floyd Occupational Health*  
**Kim Maxwell**, *Garner & Glover Company*  
**Linda Peachey**, *Coosa Valley Regional Services*  
**Leigh Pennington**, *a little something monogrammed gifts*  
**Jennifer Selman**, *McIntosh Commercial Bank*  
**Beth Summer**, *Regions Bank*  
**Robin Wright**, *Vend-Rite, Inc.*  
**Debi Boutwell**, *Jameson Inn*  
**Maggie Crowe**, *Garden Lakes Realty*  
**Ryan Earnest**, *Heritage First Bank*  
**Denise Ferguson**, *Watters & Associates*  
**Rob Harbison**, *Peachtree Planning*  
**Wendy Huckaby**, *United Community Bank*  
**Tabitha Lester**, *United Community Bank*  
**Cal Owens**, *Calaco Communications Co.*  
**Charlia Pierce**, *United Community Bank*  
**Beth Robbins**, *Yellow Book USA*  
**Darlene Shore**, *Heritage First Bank*  
**Sherri Whorton**, *Garden Lakes Realty*