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## VEDC Vice President accepts job in Temple

Adrian Cannady, Victoria Economic Development Corporation's Vice President, has been hired to lead the Temple Economic Development Corporation.

He will begin work as the as the Chief Executive Officer and President on Sept. 15.

Cannady, who has worked with the VEDC for more than 15 years, said Wednesday he accepted the new job. "As excited as I am about taking on this new challenge, my enthusiasm is met with equal excitement and optimism for the future of the (Victoria) community," Cannady said.

He praised Dale Fowler, VEDC president, for his leadership and guidance. "Dale Fowler is the consummate economic development professional whose leadership and friendship has benefited me, both professionally and personally," Cannady said.

Fowler, in turn, praised Cannady.

Fowler said the VEDC offers Cannady its support as he embarks on the next chapter of his economic development career. The team is sad to see him go, but is proud to have been part of his growth as an economic developer.

"Adrian's professionalism and tenacity have helped VEDC build confidence in the minds of prospects around the globe of Victoria's ability to meet and exceed their business needs," Fowler said. "His loyalty to the mission of the organization is only surpassed by his unwavering affection for the people in the community."

David Nix, Chairman of the Temple Economic Development Corp., said Cannady was among more than 100 applicants for the position. Corporation officials liked many aspects about him such as his background, education, leadership style and the fact he was the Chairman of Team Texas.

"He seemed like he had a great vision and a lot of knowledge about economic development as well as lots of contacts in the economic development world? not just through his time in Victoria but through the Team Texas and other organizations he's been involved with," Nix said.

David Blackburn, the current CEO and President of the Temple corporation, is leaving because he is the Republican nominee the Bell County judge seat in the November election.

Cannady's last day will be in the next few weeks. The VEDC plans to search for a new vice president, Fowler said.

Cannady, whose hometown is Victoria, said he'll miss the community.

"Victoria is a special community with unique assets and strong leadership in key roles that will ensure economic growth and vitality for the citizens of this region well into the future," he said.

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