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Verl Zanders Joins Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce as Director of Business Development

ROCKVILLE, MD – The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce today announced the hiring of Verl Zanders, former CEO of Z-Tech Corp. as the Chamber’s new Director of Business Development. In this role, he will be responsible for recruiting businesses that share the Chamber’s vision of a vibrant, globally competitive community.

Zanders was the Founder of Z-Tech Corp, a government contracting firm specializing in healthcare information technology, and recently sold the company to ICF International for \$27 million. He credits the Chamber with being an instrumental part of Z-Tech’s success.

“I saw firsthand the benefits of being part of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, first as a member then as Chairman of the Small Business Committee,” Zanders says. “My mission at the Chamber is to share those benefits with other companies so they can enjoy the same opportunities I did.”

“Adding someone the caliber of Verl Zanders to the Chamber team is a great opportunity for the Chamber and our members,” says Georgette “Gigi” Godwin, Chamber President and CEO.

“His eagerness to share his knowledge with the Montgomery County business community will only increase the value of becoming a Chamber member,” says Edward Hall Asher, the current Chairman of the Board and President and COO of The Chevy Chase Land Company.

Zanders formerly served as the Director of Small Business Programs for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and as a Procurement Center Representative for the Small Business Administration before founding Z-Tech in 2000. He has been a staunch advocate for business development that creates job and promotes economic development.

About the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce serves its business membership by providing members with the opportunity to connect with one another and by advocating for an improved local and Maryland-wide business climate through effective legislative and political action.

The Chamber has more than 600 business members, ranging from Fortune 500 multinationals to sole proprietorships. The current Chairman of the Board is Edward Hall Asher, President and COO of the Chevy Chase Land Company. For more information about the Chamber, visit <http://www.montgomerycountychamber.com>.