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TO: Local Media Contacts
FROM: Sunrise County Economic Council
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RE: Peters Named Assistant Director of Economic Council

Sunrise County Economic Council (SCEC) Executive Director Harold Clossey announced Thursday that long-time Program Manager Jennifer Peters has been promoted to Assistant Director effective April 15, 2010.

“Jennifer has been instrumental in shaping SCEC’s direction over the past fourteen years,” Clossey said. “She knows the organization inside and out. She works well with our partners and clients, and she brings fresh ideas to the table every day. I’m confident that Jennifer will make an excellent AD because she represents SCEC well in everything she does.”

Peters joined SCEC in June 1996 while attending classes at the University of Maine at Machias. She graduated summa cum laude from UMM in 1997 with a Bachelor of Sciences degree in Marketing and Office Management. Since then she has played a crucial role in developing SCEC’s Young Adult Scholarship Program, which helps adults aged 18-29 acquire training and certification they need to compete in today’s workforce. She has also coordinated the award winning Washington County Leadership Institute since 2002, and is an active member of both the Downeast Acadia Regional Tourism board and the Vacationland Resources Committee which participate in sustainable tourism initiatives in Downeast Maine.

“One thing I like about SCEC is that there’s never a dull moment,” Peters joked. “One minute you might be working with a scholarship applicant who wants to take Certified Residential Medications Aide training and the next you’re working with someone on a Community Development Block Grant, or putting a business in touch with a needed technical assistance provider. I like the variety, and I’m honored that Harold and the Board have given me the opportunity to do even more of it.”

Clossey concluded by explaining that Peters’ promotion is part of an overall strategic planning process SCEC is undertaking.

“We’re in a transition period. SCEC is becoming more involved in issues like alternative energy, broadband internet access, infrastructure improvement and sustainable tourism. We’re pooling our resources with area service providers to better Washington County’s position at every level, whether that’s the grassroots, at the county level, the state, New England & Atlantic Canada or nationally,” he said. “Jennifer’s added insight is an important aspect of completing that transition. She’s proved time and time again that she’s up for the task.”

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