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North Carolina's Southeast welcomes two new investors, board member

ELIZABETHTOWN, N.C. – North Carolina's Southeast is excited to announce its newest partners, Parker Poe and KCI Associates of NC, P.A. (KCI), and welcome Ann Turnbull as a board member.

"NC's Southeast is a fast-growing region," says NCSE president Steve Yost. "Our mission has always been to foster that growth. Partners like Parker Poe and KCI are what make that possible, so we couldn't be more grateful for their support as we enter the new year."

KCI provides professional engineering and consulting services across North Carolina. Parker Poe, a full-service law firm with more than 275 lawyers in eight offices in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Washington, D.C., represents companies from around the globe. As part of the new partnership, Parker Poe's economic development director Ann Turnbull will join NC's Southeast's Board of Directors.

"Parker Poe is honored to invest in North Carolina's Southeast," said Turnbull. "North Carolina's Southeast has a stellar reputation in economic development and I look forward to working alongside its team and board directors to bring new companies, new jobs and increased economic opportunities to communities in southeast North Carolina."

Turnbill brings significant experience in economic development having served as Director of Investor Relations at the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC) where she developed close working relationships with state and local economic development officials and companies across the U.S. and abroad looking to expand or relocate to North Carolina.

Turnbill leads economic development initiatives for Parker Poe to promote domestic and foreign expansion projects across North Carolina. Along with Parker Poe Partner Sam Moses, she also co-leads the law firm's Business Expansion & Location Solutions group (BELS) which consists of site selection consultants and attorneys who provide comprehensive advisory services to companies considering locating, expanding and restructuring their business operations throughout the United States. Parker Poe and its BELS group provide legal and consulting services related to site selection, state and local business incentives, state and local tax, business transactions, employment, environmental, construction and real estate.

"On behalf of KCI Associates of North Carolina, P.A., I am thrilled to partner with North Carolina's Southeast," said senior associate Chad Sary, AICP. "With KCI offices strategically positioned across the state, including two within this region, we eagerly anticipate actively participating in initiatives aimed at fostering new economic growth in the area."

Since its incorporation in 1990, KCI has provided professional engineering and consulting services across North Carolina. KCI has over 200 staff members in its Raleigh, Charlotte, Greensboro, Gastonia, Wilmington, and Lumberton, North Carolina offices. Technical expertise & services include civil, transportation, structural, environmental, hazardous waste, telecommunications, and soils engineering; construction management and inspection services, utility design and coordination, land planning, geology, hydrology, and ecology; and surveying, subsurface utility engineering (SUE) and geographic information services (GIS) and geospatial solutions.

A public-private partnership headquartered in Elizabethtown, N.C., North Carolina's Southeast's mission is to provide strong economic development leadership in southeastern North Carolina through innovative marketing and collaborative regional initiatives that will support the creation of new jobs, generate capital investment and secure new business locations. Member counties include Anson, Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Duplin, Hoke, Jones, Lenoir, Montgomery, Moore, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland and Wayne. For additional information, visit www.ncse.org