



## **Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corporation Expands Team**

**TAMPA, Fla.** (Jan. 20, 2010)—Randall Smith has officially joined the Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corporation (Tampa Hillsborough EDC) as the director of research. Smith will be responsible for maintaining local, regional, state-wide and national market data to help with the prospecting of new businesses.

Smith will be overseeing every aspect of market and real estate trends as well as analysis of current demographics, real estate and labor. He has more than 15 years of professional real estate experience in the Tampa Bay market.

“Smith’s expertise in tracking and analyzing real estate trends will give us the ability to respond quickly and efficiently to prospect inquiries, and will strengthen our ties with Tampa’s first-rate broker and developer community,” said Keith Norden, president and CEO of the Tampa Hillsborough EDC. “Smith is held in high regard among local and national real estate professionals who have known and worked with him over the years. His knowledge about the area will add depth and breadth to our other research initiatives.”

Smith was previously employed with GVA Advantis as the regional director of research. Prior to that position, he was senior research analyst for the Tampa office of Cushman & Wakefield. In addition to his extensive professional experience, he holds both a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a master’s degree in business administration from State University of New York.

### **About the Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corporation:**

The Tampa Hillsborough EDC is officially recognized by Enterprise Florida as Hillsborough County’s primary business recruitment and retention economic development team in partnership with Hillsborough County and the cities of Tampa, Plant City, Temple Terrace and private investors. Its primary mission is to create jobs that pay above-average wages and to broaden the tax base by generating new, sustainable capital investment.