La Plata, MD - Charles County Administrator Michael Mallinoff is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Darrell A. Brown as the director of Economic Development.

Brown will begin his employment with Charles County Government on Monday, July 27.

Brown brings to the county strong economic development and government experience at many levels, and demonstrated exemplary performance in public service and education through interfacing directly with major governmental figures and negotiating with senior executives, investors, and small business owners.

As the director of Economic Development, Brown will be responsible for leading activities involving economic development in Charles County, including representing the county to new and expanding businesses and cultivating relationships between the county and the business community, economic development agencies, and state and regional agencies.

“I am excited to welcome Mr. Brown to Charles County. His credentials are first class, and I am confident he will be an asset to the county’s economic development efforts,” said Commissioner President Peter F. Murphy.

“We are fortunate to have someone of Mr. Brown’s vast experience to lead economic development in Charles County,” said Mallinoff.

Brown said, “I am honored to be a member of the county administrator’s leadership team. I will do my best to work with Mr. Mallinoff, the county commissioners, the business community, and all other relevant and interested stakeholders to develop and implement sound strategies and projects designed to improve local, county, and regional economic development activity for the well-being of all Charles County residents.”

From 2011-2015, Brown was executive director for the District of Columbia Small Business Development Center at Howard University. He managed and directed staff and four service centers with a budget of $1.6 million. As executive director, Brown worked with Howard University School of Business, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), U.S. Department of Commerce, the District of Columbia, and other federal agencies to provide economic development assistance to small and newly formed businesses, to promote growth, expansion, innovation, increased productivity, and management improvement. Brown worked with SBA senior management to achieve growth and improved performance of the District of Columbia Small Business Development Center.

He also implemented an in-depth, substantive, outcome-oriented counseling and training program that resulted in substantial economic impact for the small business community in the District of Columbia.

Prior to his employment with Howard University, Brown was counsel to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee; director of State and Local Relations for Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island; director of Economic Development for the City of Cranston, Rhode Island; policy advisor of business and economic development for the governor of Rhode Island; chief of staff for the Office of the Attorney General of Rhode Island; and director of Urban Policy and Development for Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation.

Brown holds a Juris Doctor degree from Howard University School of Law, a bachelor of arts degree from The American University, and is a graduate of St. John’s College High School in the District of Columbia.

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