

EDC staff member earns designation

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Julie Pruett, director of business recruitment for the Catawba County Economic



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Development Corp., recently earned the designation of certified economic developer (CEcD), a national recognition that denotes a mastery of skills in economic development, professional attainment and a commitment to personal and professional growth.

The CEcD exam was

administered by the International Economic Development Council on May 31 and June 1 in Raleigh.

Pruett joined the Catawba County EDC in 2004. She has spearheaded such projects as Convergys, Turbotec Products, Baker Furniture and Flowers Foods. She has also been instrumental in developing the construction of spec buildings such as the Adecco customer service speculative building in Hickory and the Niagara Ventures speculative manufacturing building in Claremont.

Pruett holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Lenoir-Rhyne University and a master of public administration degree from Appalachian State University. She is also a

graduate of the University of Oklahoma Economic Development Institute.