

# Catawba's economic developer honored for luring Apple

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Catawba County Economic Development Corp. President Scott Millar has been named the 2010 Economic Developer of the Year.

The award, given by the N.C. Economic Developers Association trade group, rewards economic developers for their leadership and the projects they bring to their area.

Millar helped recruit Apple Inc., which is investing \$1 billion within nine years to build an infrastructure hub outside Maiden. The data center, which will host a network of computer services to support Apple's iTunes music store and iPhone applications, will eventually employ 50 workers.

Last year's economic developer of the year was Donny Hicks, executive director of the Gaston County Economic Development Commission. Hicks was chosen for his work with the Charlotte Regional Partnership and the N.C. Biotechnology Center. Kerry Singe