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Technology Association of Georgia Selects Industry Visionary to Steer Creation of Key Economic Development Initiative

John C. Yates with Morris Manning & Martin, LLP to Chair the 2011 State of the Industry: Technology in Georgia Task Force

ATLANTA – July 12, 2010 – The Technology Association of Georgia (TAG), a leading technology industry association dedicated to the advancement of the technology industry in Georgia, today announced that John C. Yates, partner-in-charge of the Technology Practice at Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP has been selected as the chair of the *2011 State of the Industry Report: Technology in Georgia Task Force*. In this role, Yates will help define the annual mission and determine the contents, structure and dissemination of the 2011 report.

“I’m looking forward to supporting TAG as chair of the Industry Report task force,” stated Yates. “I’m passionate about the Atlanta technology community and ensuring that we thrive as a global technology hub. The State of the Industry Report is one of the most critical deliverables for educating executives, entrepreneurs and investors about the key benefits of Georgia’s tech community. We will use the data from the 2011 report to shape the technology strategy and policy agenda for our State in this decade.”

The State of the Industry: Technology in Georgia Report, which is supported by the Georgia Economic and Community Development Department (GDEcD), the Georgia Research Alliance (GRA), and the Metro Atlanta Chamber (MAC), provides an in-depth analysis of factors critical to the continued success and growth of the Atlanta technology community. It will be released at the 2011 Georgia Technology Summit and presented throughout the year to strategic organizations.

“The State of the Industry report is a key component of TAG’s broadened mission to support the economic development community, and we’re excited to add new components this year,” said TAG President Tino Mantella. “John has been a dedicated TAG Board Member and is a highly respected leader in the community. His insight, particularly in relation to key Atlanta technology sectors and information that business

leaders use in making key strategic decisions, is exactly what's needed to take our economic development efforts to the next level.”

To download prior versions of TAG's State of Industry report, please visit <http://www.tagonline.org/soir.php>.

About The Technology Association of Georgia (TAG)

TAG is a leading technology industry association dedicated to the promotion and economic advancement of the state's technology industry. TAG provides leadership in driving initiatives in the areas of policy, capital, education and giving, and also brings the technology community together through events, initiative programs and networking opportunities. TAG serves as an umbrella organization for 27 special interest groups, or societies, including Women in Technology (WIT). Additionally, TAG's charitable arm, the TAG Education Collaborative, is focused on helping science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education initiatives thrive. For more information visit the TAG website at www.tagonline.org or TAG's community website at www.TAGthink.com.

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