**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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City of Charleston Inclusion in the Workplace Summit

Charleston, S.C.—Please join Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg at the City of Charleston Inclusion Summit Feb. 24, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Dock Street Theatre (135 Church Street). The summit will address “Inclusion in the Workplace.” Mayor Tecklenburg will open the event and discuss his focus on improving the quality of life for all of the citizens of Charleston, including those with a disability.

The summit, sponsored by Bi-lo, Hyatt, Palmetto Goodwill and Vocational Rehabilitation, will feature David H. Zoellner, managing attorney for Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc. (P&A) as the keynote speaker, addressing the legal requirements for inclusion as well as examples of initiating employment of people with disabilities.

After the keynote, a panel of local experts in inclusionary employment practices will discuss their best practices and experiences hiring persons with a disability. Panelists include Robert Miller, co-owner of Kickin’ Chicken; Maureen King, recruiting and training at Harris Teeter; Peggy Frazier, vice president of global talent acquisition and diversity for Blackbaud and Kevin Owens, talent acquisition at Verizon.

Area businesses are invited to attend to learn more about what it means to employ persons with a disability, including legal requirements and benefits to the workplace.

**WHO:**
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Robert Miller, Kickin’ Chicken
Maureen King, Harris Teeter
Peggy Frazier, Blackbaud
Kevin Owens, Verizon

**WHAT:**
City of Charleston Inclusion Summit: Inclusion in the Workplace

**WHERE:**
Dock Street Theatre (135 Church Street)

**WHEN:**
9-11:30 a.m., February 24, 2017

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