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MEDIA ADVISORY

FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER TIM ECHOLS

Community Empowerment Workshop
October 31, 2017 in Columbus, Georgia

Commissioner Tim Echols to Host Community Empowerment Workshop

What: Community Empowerment Workshop

When: 11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
  Tuesday October 31, 2017

Where: Columbus Marriott
  800 Front Street
  Columbus, Georgia 31901

ATLANTA – October 23, 2017 – Public Service Commissioner Tim Echols will host a Community Empowerment Workshop on Tuesday October 31, 2017 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Columbus Marriott, 800 Front Street, Columbus, Georgia 31901.

Commissioner Echols has created this workshop to bring information to caseworkers, community outreach programs, churches, or any organization that facilitates assistance for Georgia's vulnerable populations. Commissioner Echols is bringing together energy companies and nonprofits across the state to explain programs, discounts, and incentives for low-income, elderly or disabled Georgians. This three-hour event will provide contacts and information for programs with all of the organizations listed above.

"The five-stop Community Empowerment Workshops I am hosting throughout the state aspires to honor and assist the case workers who work with our most needy citizens," said Echols. "The seminar provides case managers from action agencies, churches, and organizations like the Salvation Army with needed information and tools as we approach the winter heating season."

This is Commissioner Echols’ second term on the Georgia Public Service Commission as he was re-elected statewide in November 2016. You can find his complete biography and photo on the Commission web site at http://www.psc.state.ga.us/pscinfo/bios/echols.asp?tab=Tab2.
This workshop is also designed to bring attention to two energy assistance programs in our state, Project SHARE, a Salvation Army program, and H.E.A.T. (Heat Energy Assistance Team). Both programs are funded through utility bill check offs and receive a majority of their donations during the holiday season. You find out more on these programs at these links: Project SHARE, salvationarmygeorgia.org with Project SHARE under the Emergency Financial Assistance heading, and H.E.A.T. https://www.heatga.org/

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