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**Chester County Economic Development Council hires
John Musser as SBA loan portfolio manager**
Musser of Springfield worked for the SBA for 28 years

EXTON _ The Chester County Economic Development Council has hired John Musser as a SBA loan portfolio manager.

“The Economic Development Council has had a great working relationship with John for a number of years,” said Gary Smith, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Development Council. “John’s experience will enhance our SBA loan program.”

Musser said his duties include managing loans, doing some underwriting and other tasks as needed. “The Economic Development Council is a well-organized and energetic group,” Musser said. “That is one of the reasons why I was excited about this opportunity.”

Musser, who lives in Springfield, Delaware County, began work in July. He has almost 30 years of experience in all facets of commercial lending. For 25 years Musser was a division chief with the SBA.

Besides his employment with the SBA, Musser has had experience with First Keystone Bank, Advance Bank, Eagle National Bank and United Bank of Philadelphia.

The Chester County Economic Development Council is a private, non-profit economic development organization that has been nurturing economic growth in Chester County and the surrounding region for more than 40 years. The Council’s portfolio of business growth services includes: low-interest financing, small business lending, workforce training, retention and expansion, customized international business assistance, land and building site selection, brownfields consultation and remediation, urban redevelopment, and agricultural economic development. The Council also offers state-of-the art conference and training facilities at its brand new facility in Eagleview. For more information, see www.cceconomicdevelopment.com.