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T. Marie Synar has served as Deputy Director of Industrial Development for the Muskogee City-County Port Authority, since April 2011. She has also served as Deputy Director and prior to that, Director of Marketing and Research for the Greater Muskogee Development Corporation, since July 2007.

Marie was integral in the creation of and the continued growth of the Greater Muskogee Manufacturers Alliance (GMMA), a membership of over 150 individual members, representing approximately 50 local manufacturers, who alone employ more than 20% of Muskogee's workforce. As Deputy Director, a large part of her time is spent on managing Muskogee's Business Retention and Expansion (BR&E) program, workforce development efforts, and marketing the Muskogee area to prospective businesses.

Marie is an active member of the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), Governor's Economic Development Marketing Team (GEDMT), the Southern Economic Development Council (SEDC), and the Oklahoma Economic Development Council (OEDC).

She has served on several local Boards including Downtown Muskogee, Inc. and the Muskogee Phoenix Editorial Board, and has participated and chaired numerous local committees such as, the Lake Area United Way Allocations Committee and the City of Muskogee Foundation's Economic Development Committee.

Marie is a graduate of Leadership Muskogee and a graduate of the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute. Marie received her undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Northeastern State University in 2007, with an emphasis in Entrepreneurship.

She and her husband, Eric, live in Muskogee with their daughter, Khloe. Born and raised in Muskogee, Marie is committed to ensuring Muskogee continues to serve as a place of opportunity for her family and friends.

Her entrepreneurial skills combined with her knowledge of economic development and the community gives her an advantage when assisting businesses with retention and growth in the Muskogee area.