

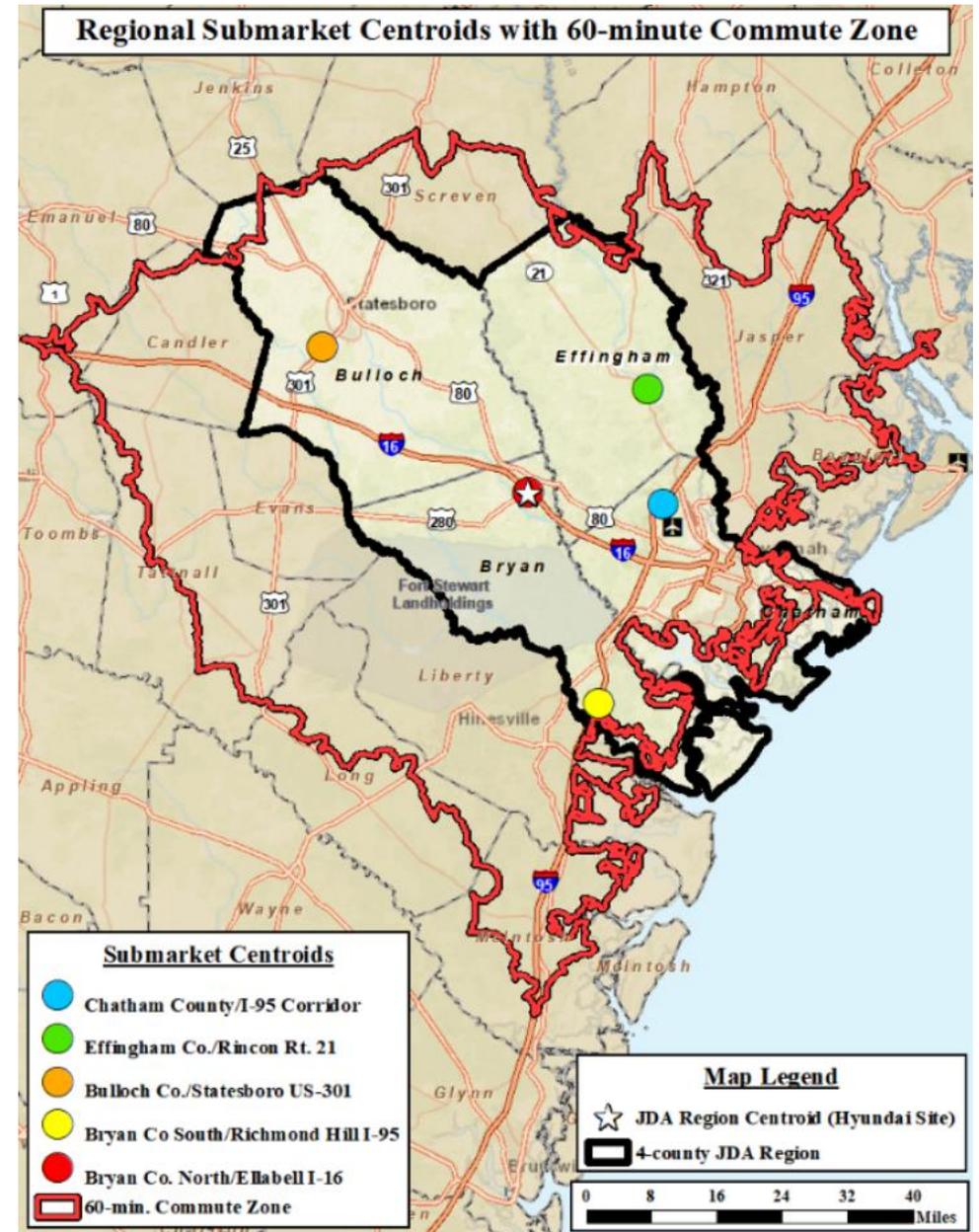
# RISE Overview

January 6, 2026

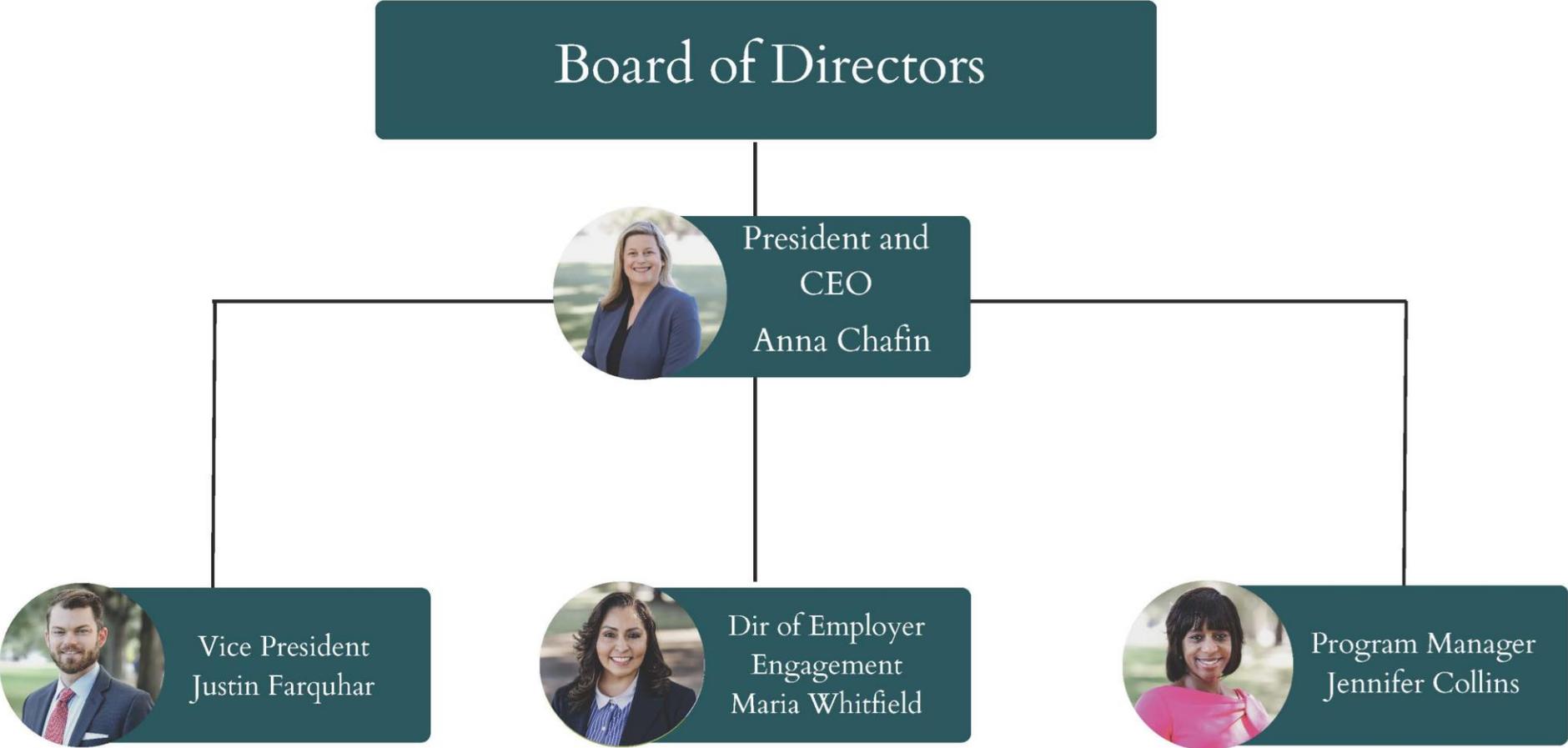


# Workforce Study

- Conducted by Wadley Donovan Gutshaw Consulting to identify:
  - Labor supply challenges facing existing employers
  - Initiatives that will minimize the exposure to existing and future labor supply shortfalls
- Study area was a one-hour commute from Bryan County Megasite in Ellabell (Bryan County).
- The scope of the study included three tasks:
  - Market Analysis
  - Immediate Needs & Challenges
  - Strategic Workforce Plan



# RISE Organizational Chart



# RISE Service Delivery Area



# 2025 Initiatives

## Education Working Group

- Regional Educator Externship Program
- Higher Education Alignment Summit
- Eighth-Grade Experience

## Military Working Group

- Military Alignment Summit

## Underrepresented Working Group

- Non-Profit Meet & Greet
- RISEup Event
- EOA Hiring Event

## Housing Working Group

- Best Practices Toolkit

## Childcare Working Group

- Childcare Study

## Transportation Working Group

- Employee On-Demand Transportation Survey

## Marketing Working Group

- Industry Insiders Program



# 2025 Employer Forums



	<b>Chatham County Industry Council</b>	<b>Bulloch/Evans/Screven/Candler Industry Group</b>	<b>Bryan County Employer Forum</b>	<b>Liberty County Industry Alliance</b>	<b>Effingham Industry Group</b>
Total Forums	3	3	3	3	3
Total Attendees	127	112	109	70	77
Average Attendees	42	37	36	23	26

## Topics

Ranged from Wage & Benefit Results, Recruitment & Retention, Underrepresented, Tours (HMGMA & SME Prime Lab), Childcare Study, Tort Reform and Storm and Disaster Planning

## Key Takeaways

Liberty Forum created and continued to support Bulloch area (Bulloch, Evans, Candler and Screven Counties); Bryan; Effingham and Chatham County Forums

# 2025 Regional Career Fair Support

**6 Career Fairs | 250+ Employers | 3,400+ Job Seekers Engaged**



# 2026 Selected Initiatives

## Military

- Work to increase awareness and utilization of the SkillBridge program.
- Develop networking opportunities for industries to meet and connect with military populations.

# Questions?



**RISE**

Regional Industry  
Support Enterprise