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**Alabama Community College System Chancellor to Speak at  
Opelika Chamber of Commerce Business Over Breakfast**

**OPELIKA, AL – ( January 18, 2011)** – Dr. Freida Hill, Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System, will be the guest speaker at the Opelika Chamber of Commerce Business Over Breakfast series, sponsored by RBC Bank. The breakfast will be held at Saugahatchee Country Club beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 25.

Unanimously chosen by all nine-member State Board of Education members, Dr. Hill took over the helm of the Alabama system on December 1, 2009, which consists of 27 colleges. Previously, she served as deputy commissioner for the Technical College system of Georgia. She has spent most of her career in community and technical colleges, including five years as a president and six years as a vice president of economic development.

A Certified Economic Development Trainer, Hill worked closely with the Georgia Governor's Office of Workforce Development to enable the Technical College System of Georgia to become the service delivery provider of the Georgia Work Ready Certificate program which is similar to Alabama's Ready-to-Work program.

Dr. Hill believes that getting an education is the most important thing people can do to improve their lives and those of their families. She is very passionate about the success of students and especially at-risk students. Some issues that she is focusing on includes: getting community colleges to work more closely with secondary schools in their communities, entice more students to enroll immediately after high school, rather than returning to school later in life and finding ways to boost retention and graduation rates.

Although she is a native of Tennessee, Georgia has been her home for most of her career. She holds an associate degree from Hiwassee Junior College in Tennessee, a bachelor of arts in English from Samford University in Alabama, a master of science in Marketing Education and a doctorate in Adult Education from the University of Georgia.

Please contact the Chamber at (334) 745-4861 if you would like to attend the breakfast. The cost for members is \$17 in advance or \$20 at the door. Deadline for reservations is January 20.

