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John Edward Harris Elected Chairman of the Board, Technology 2020

The Technology 2020 Board of Directors elected John Edward Harris as Chairman of the Board of Directors for 2010. Technology 2020, a regional economic development organization headquartered in Oak Ridge, Tenn., is dedicated to helping create new businesses and high quality jobs by capitalizing on the unique technology resources in the Tennessee Valley Corridor.



John is the Senior Vice President of the Corporate Bank Group for East Tennessee and was named as the top Corporate Banker for BB&T in 2009. John is responsible for middle market companies with revenues in the \$50 million to \$500 million range within Tennessee. He also has an extensive portfolio of governmental and quasi-governmental clients. John graduated from the University of Tennessee majoring in Real Estate and Urban Development. John has 29 years of banking experience in real estate, commercial, governmental, non-profit, and corporate banking and has been with BB&T for four years. John has been active in the community with roles in numerous civic and corporate functions including: Technology 2020 Chairman for 2010; Technology 2020 board of directors & executive committee; Yoke Youth Ministries board of directors and current chairman; Knox County Technology and Jobs Fund Advisory Board; past board member, UT-Battelle Development, LLC - past board member; First Baptist Church, Concord, past chairman stewardship committee; Leadership Knoxville class of 2006; Leadership Knoxville - past curriculum committee member; Leadership Oak Ridge, class of 1998; New Century Alliance past board member and chairman; Museum of Science & Energy past board member; Robert Morris & Associates past board chairman, East Tennessee.

"Technology 2020 has proven to be a valuable part of our region's support system for our entrepreneurs and technology based business community," said Harris. "I am extremely pleased and excited to have been chosen to lead such an impressive organization that was created to support and enable the success of our sponsoring organizations and client companies. I look forward to working with the outstanding Tech 2020 Board of Directors as we focus on our partners and clients in delivering services that will make a difference for our regional economic success."

John and his wife, Resha, reside in Knoxville, Tennessee.

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