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### **New Government Affairs Council Gives Voice to Local Businesses**

VALDOSTA—The Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce recently launched its new Government Affairs Council, designed to give local businesses one stronger, louder and clearer business voice. The GAC began 2011 by holding its first “Members to be Heard” meeting Jan 6 at the VSU Continuing Education Center, where 15 Chamber members addressed the GAC Executive Committee regarding local, state and federal issues that related to the welfare of their business, organization or to the Valdosta-Lowndes community.

Chris Clark, President and CEO of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, attended the meeting to present his goals for Georgia, which included improving Georgia’s global competitiveness and establishing closer relationships with local chambers. More than 60 top business and community leaders attended the meeting, providing the Chamber with legislative issues that need immediate advocacy.

The GAC hopes to give businesses the opportunity to unite as one to give vital concerns proper legislative support.

For more information on the Government Affairs Council visit [www.valdostachamber.com](http://www.valdostachamber.com).

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Chris Clark, President and CEO of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, presents 2011 Georgia Chamber goals at the “Members to be Heard” meeting held on Jan. 6 at the VSU Continuing Education Center.



Tim Carroll presents the Chamber Government Affairs Council with his legislative concerns at the “Members to be Heard” meeting held on Jan. 6 at the VSU Continuing Education Center.