



Kelley Named Next CEO at The Georgia Industries for the Blind

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March 25, 2013-Greg Schmieg, Executive Director for Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency, announces the selection of Kevin Kelley as the next Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer of the Georgia Industries for the Blind (GIB). "GIB is an effective program with a successful history, and we are delighted that Kevin will serve in this new capacity during this critical period," said Schmieg.

Mr. Kelley will succeed Dr. Jim "Coach" Hughes, who is retiring. Both Kelley and Hughes have spent the last 13 years at GIB. Prior to GIB, Kelley spent 24 years with Shaw Industries. The appointment will be effective on April 1, 2013.

The Georgia Industries for the Blind (GIB) has been providing employment opportunities to individuals who are blind since 1949. The Georgia Industries for the Blind is headquartered in Bainbridge with operations in Albany, Bainbridge, Griffin, Pendergrass and Robins Air Force Base. GIB has approximately 190 employees, with 110 being blind or low vision.

Kelley lives in Eldorado with his wife Cindy. They have one son (Travis) and 3 granddaughters (Krislyn, Konnor and Kenslee) who live in Tallahassee. Kelley is a 1987 graduate of Valdosta State University and a 1973 graduate of Miller County High School.