



SCOTT COOPER

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST – SOUTHEAST VALLEY REGION

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Prosperity Developer

What does economic development mean to Scott? “Hope.”

Scott Cooper is a regional development specialist with TVA’s Economic Development, serving 19 counties in southeast Tennessee, north Georgia and southwestern North Carolina. In that capacity he works with distributor customers of TVA power, community economic development leaders, and state and regional economic development partners to foster and sustain job growth and investments. His responsibilities include assisting prospective or existing industries, facilitating financial and technical services, and helping communities support and grow local businesses.

Cooper previously worked for the economic development team of the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce, helping to manage the incentives practice and business attraction opportunities. He was a member of the Chamber’s Volkswagen Team, which acted as a liaison between VW officials and the community during the construction of the \$1 billion automotive assembly plant in Chattanooga.

Prior to joining the Chamber, Cooper worked for the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development. He represented the agency in southeast Tennessee, establishing relationships with business and community leaders to promote economic development in the area.

Cooper earned a bachelor’s degree in communications from the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga and graduated from the University of Oklahoma’s Economic Development Institute. He is a Leadership Chattanooga graduate and was recognized as one of the city’s 20 Under 40 young leaders. He is a member of the Georgia Economic Development Association and the Tennessee Economic Development Council.

Cooper and his wife, Molly, have two daughters and reside in Chattanooga. He enjoys traveling abroad and is an avid fan of UT-Chattanooga Mocs athletics and the Chicago Cubs.

Economic Development Team Achievements

Site Selection Named TVA
One of Top Utilities for ED
Nine Years in a Row

Nashville Business Journal
Named TVA ED One of
Nashville’s Best Places
to Work

Personal Achievements

Cooper is a board member of the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce and Cleveland/Bradley County Business Incubator.

Five Fast Facts

1. **Favorite foods:**
anything smoked and Haribo Happy Colas
2. **Celebrity look-a-like:**
Dale Earnhardt Jr.
3. **One of 14 family members to attend University of Tennessee at Chattanooga**
4. **Celebrity encounter:**
Robert De Niro
5. **Favorite radio station:** 90s on 9 and Backspin 46