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Noted Economist to Speak to Ga. Business Brokers Tuesday



Economist Roger Tutterow of Mercer University's Stetson School of Business & Economics will give a "Mid-Year Update on the Economy" to the Georgia Association of Business Brokers on Tuesday, June 30.

"The national and Georgia economies are showing some signs of forming a bottom, but there are still some challenges ahead," says Dr. Tutterow, who, in addition to his academic work, consults with corporate clients in the application of quantitative analysis to economic, financial and business problems.

"Dr. Tutterow's insights are succinct and to-the-point," said GABB president Van Watkins. "I am truly pleased to have Dr. Tutterow as our guest."

Tutterow's GABB speech will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 30th, at the SouthTerraces Conference Center, 115 Perimeter Center Place, Atlanta, Georgia 30346. The meeting is open to the public at no charge; networking time is available before and after the meeting.

Future GABB speakers include Georgia Secretary of State Karen Handel on Oct. 27 and Georgia Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle, former Georgia Governor Roy Barnes and Atlanta Business Chronicle editor Ed Baker.

The Georgia Association of Business Brokers (GABB) is the state's only professional organization and Multiple Listing Service dedicated to helping in the purchase and sale of businesses and franchises, and the merger and acquisition market. An experienced GABB business broker can help a business buyer find and evaluate options, find the right one for the buyer. Brokers can expedite transactions, help negotiate a fair price and terms of the sale, obtain financing, and work with the seller's broker and advisors. On the other side of the transaction, GABB members can help business owners evaluate and price their business, as well as professionally market and advertise to prospective buyers, negotiate and close a deal. All certified GABB brokers operate under strict procedures to protect proprietary information and ensure utmost confidentiality. The GABB web site lists hundreds of businesses for sale throughout Georgia, as well as around the country.

Roger C. Tutterow

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Dr. Tutterow, a native of Georgia, holds a B.S. in Decision Science from Berry College and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from Georgia State University. Prior to joining Mercer University, Dr. Tutterow held faculty and administrative appointments at West Virginia University, Georgia State University and Kennesaw State University. He has also served as a visiting professor at the University of the West Indies in Trinidad and at the Institute for Industrial Policy Studies in Seoul, South Korea.

Dr. Tutterow's analysis of the economic, business and political environments have been featured in a variety of media including *The Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times*, *USA Today*, *the Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *Arizona Republic*, *Florida Times-Union*, *Kansas City Star*, *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Times*, *Orlando Sentinel*, *Palm Beach Post* and on CNN, CNBC, NBC, NPR's "Marketplace" and "All Things Considered," CNN Radio, Bloomberg Radio as well as regional electronic and print media.

In addition to his work in academia, Dr. Tutterow has served as a consultant specializing in the application of quantitative analysis to economic, financial and business problems for corporate clients ranging from Fortune 500 companies to closely-held businesses. He has provided expert testimony on economic, financial and statistical matters in state and federal court and before the Georgia Public Service Commission. Dr. Tutterow has given several hundred speeches to professional and civic groups on various topics in the economic, business and political arenas.

Dr. Tutterow was previously selected by *Georgia Trend* magazine as one of the "Forty under 40" rising stars in business, government and academia and recognized as one of "Georgia's Most Influential" by *James* magazine. In 2003, Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue appointed Dr. Tutterow to the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors. In addition, Dr. Tutterow serves as a commissioner on the Georgia Child Support Commission, on the Board of Directors for Vinings Bank, the Board of Trustees at Berry College, the Board of Directors for Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Atlanta, The Board of Directors for the American Red Cross Southeastern Blood Services and the Board of Governors for the Vinings Club.