

## **Melissa Breaux, Project Manager**

As a native of the area, Melissa has spent her career working in the region. Melissa attended Radford University, where she received a B.B.A. in Marketing. Prior to working in economic development, Melissa spent ten years with a local employment solutions corporation, and held various positions in staffing, management, and sales. As a Project Manager for the Office of Economic Development, not only does she actively participate in the workforce development efforts of the community, she oversees the Retention and Expansion program for existing industries and businesses in the City of Danville. Incorporating her experience in working with local manufacturers, Melissa is also tasked with recruiting food and beverage companies to Danville.

Directly engaged with the community, Melissa has long been a proponent of participating in chamber committees, business groups, and networking functions. Her affiliations include Danville Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Southside, Dan River Business Development Center, and the Southside Virginia Society for Human Resource Management.

On a personal note, Melissa and her husband Todd have both resided in Danville since 1994. They enjoy traveling to new and different places, especially New Orleans, a place her husband calls home. If Melissa is not on the road, she enjoys cooking new dishes, reading, and shopping for the ultimate pair of high heels.