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Elyse Cochran-Davis is the Northwest Region Community/Economic Development Manager for Georgia Power Company, a division of the Southern Company. In this capacity she is responsible for assisting a 16 county region in Northwest Georgia with community and economic development activities.

Prior to joining Georgia Power, she served as a local community/economic development practitioner. A 1993 Graduate of the United States Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Institute for Organization Management, Elyse served as President/CEO of chambers of commerce and economic development authorities in Georgia and North Carolina and in those capacities helped local community leaders create more than 4,000 jobs and over \$2 billion in new investment.

Elyse is a former Chair of the Southeast Institute Board of Regents, former class advisor and has taught various courses at Southeast Institute over the past ten years. Elyse became a Certified Chamber Executive (CCE) in 2004 and is a board member of the Georgia Economic Developers Association. She served on the U.S Chamber Foundation Board of Regents and was vice-chair of the Curriculum Committee through summer 2013.

The Carolinas Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives named her the 2008 North Carolina Chamber Executive of the Year.

She graduated from Shorter College, Rome Georgia, with an Associate of Science Degree in Business, is a graduate of the Georgia Tech and University of Tennessee Basic Economic Development Courses; University of Oklahoma Economic Development Institute; Center for Leadership Development, Greensboro, North Carolina; Leadership Georgia and Leadership North Carolina.

When asked, Elyse attributes to her career path and success to becoming an IOM "The knowledge gained and relationships developed through my Institute experience provided a solid foundation for my career advancement".

Elyse is married to Bill Davis. Together they have five adult children and three grandchildren. Her hobbies are archery hunting, reading, cooking and investing time in relationships with family and friends. She is a member of North Pointe Church in Adairsville, Georgia.

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