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Under Marty's leadership, the EDC has been recognized for its best practices in marketing, foreign trade development, business retention and by the McLean County Chamber of Commerce for public service.