EXHIBIT A

RETAIL RECRUITMENT

I. <u>CONSULTANT AGREEMENT</u>

This section outlines what Retail Strategies (the "consultant") will provide to the Montg01ne1J1 Economic Development C01poration (the "client").

A. RESEARCH

- 1. Identify market retail trade area using political boundaries, drive times and radii and custom boundary geographies
- 2. Perform market and retail GAP analysis for trade area (i.e. leakage and surplus)
- 3. Conduct retail peer market analysis
- 4. Tapestry lifestyles -psychographic profile of trade area/ market segmentation analysis
- 5. Customized retail market guide including aerial map with existing national retailer brands and traffic counts
- 6. Identification of at minimum 30 retail prospects to be targeted for recruitment
- 7. Updates provided on retail industry trends
- 8. Custom on-demand demographic research historical, cu!l'ent, and projected demographics to include market trade areas by radius/drive time, and custom trade area

B. REAL ESTATE ANALYSIS

- 1. Identify/Evaluate/Catalog priority commercial propelties for development, redevelopment and higher and best use oppoltunities
- 2. Identification of priority business categories for recruitment and/or local expansion
- 3. Active outreach to local brokers and landowners

C. RETAIL RECRUITMENT

- 1. Retail recruitment plan delivered to client summarizing all customized analytics, target zones for real estate and retail categories for recruitment focus.
- 2. Pro-active retail recruitment for targeted zones
- 3. Will contact a minimum of 30 retailers, restaurants, brokers and/or developers
- 4. Updates on new activity will be provided to Client's designated primary point of contact via Basecamp, telephone, or email on a monthly and/or as needed basis
- 5. One market visit per calendar year included in agreement, any travel outside of the agreement shall be approved and paid for by the contracting entity
- 6. Conference representation- updates provided according to the yearly conference schedule

II. <u>CLIENT AGREEMENT</u>

This section outlines what the Montgomery Economic Development Corpomtio11 (the "Client") will provide/or Retail Strategies (the "Consultant").

A. Point of Contact

- 1. One individual shall be specifically designated by Client and identified to Consultant as the primary point of contact ("POC")
- 2. POC will be responsible for regular communications between Client and Consultant
- 3. POC will be responsible for communicating all of Consultants updates and activities to Client as necessary
- 4. POC will be the primary facilitator of communication as it relates to concerns from board members, city council and/or other decision making community leaders
- 5. POC will be competent to aid Consultant in navigation of local political landscape
- 6. POC will have access to Basecamp and will post messages and on -going local updates in a timely manner

B. Information and Material Requested by Consultant:

- 1. Consultant will provide POC with no less than 3 business days' notice before materials and other information are needed
- 2. Client/ POC understands that Consultant's ability to stay on schedule will depend on receiving requested information by the requested deadline
- 3. Client/ POC will provide consultant with ongoing updates related to retail growth and development, including but not limited to: (i) businesses that open, close, or rumors associated, as such; (ii) changes in economic drivers (i.e. significant increase or decrease in employees for major employment, school enrollments, housing or medical); (iii) new ownership of real estate or changes in the owner's personal situation that may affect willingness to sell property
- 4. Client/ POC will inform Consultant of plans to attend ICSC conferences proving ample time to assist in planning

C. Information and Material Requested by Client:

- 1. POC will provide Consultant with no less than 3 business days' notice before a foll update is needed
- 2. Client/ POC understand the confidentiality of communication containing retailer specific information and will notify Consultant before sharing such information publicly