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The Hughes Agency Named 2014 Entrepreneur of the Year

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY, VA – Danny Hughes, President of The Hughes Agency, an independent insurance and financial services brokerage, is the recipient of the 2014 *Entrepreneur of the Year Award* given out by the Isle of Wight County Department of Economic Development in conjunction with the Commonwealth of Virginia's Business Appreciation Month celebration.

The Hughes Agency, which has four employees and more than 26 years of experience serving southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina, opened in Smithfield in 2006. Hughes will review a client's existing insurance program and provide a competitive analysis so they can be sure that their insurance program is not only the right one, but the most affordable. Many of the products today have much more flexibility, stronger guarantees and have lower costs than older products. This presents a great opportunity to benefit from additional protection, lower premiums, and in many cases, both!

The Hughes Agency is poised to answer questions about The Affordable Care Act, help simplify the law, and provide clients with the guidance needed to secure the health insurance plan that is right for themselves, their family, or their employees.

In addition to life and health insurance solutions, Hughes, LUTCF, CEP, is a Certified Estate Planner and licensed Insurance Consultant. He specializes in retirement and estate planning strategies, executive benefits, and employee benefits for small and medium sized businesses. He is also an Investment Advisor Representative (IAR) with Lincoln Financial Securities Corporation.

Isle of Wight County Economic Development has been honoring a County business as Entrepreneur of the Year since 2005. Previous winners include Travis's Auto Repair, Bella Fabrics, Bon Vivant Market, Ringo's Donuts, The Oaks Veterinary Clinic, Darden's Country Store and Sesroh Tack Shoppe.

The *Entrepreneur of the Year Award* was presented to Danny Hughes at the Isle of Wight County Board of Supervisors Meeting on Thursday, June 19th.

The Hughes Agency is located at 1702-A S. Church Street in Smithfield, VA. Call 757-356-1200 or email TheHughesAgency@charter.net.