Stephen Ciccone Named Group Vice President of Toyota Government Affairs

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WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 24 – Toyota Motor North America (TMA) today announced that Stephen Ciccone has joined the company as group vice president of government affairs in the automaker's Washington, D.C. office. In this role, Ciccone will have primary responsibility for the direction of Toyota's federal and state government affairs practices, reporting to Dian Ogilvie, senior vice president of TMA.

"Steve is a tremendous leader who brings a wealth of state, federal and international experience, as well as broad expertise across policy issues critical to our business," said Ogilvie. "He joins a talented Washington team at Toyota and we are delighted he is coming on board to lead our efforts to help build sound public policies that address the role of automobiles in society."

Ciccone joins Toyota from the Eastman Kodak Company, where he served as vice president of global public affairs.

"It is an honor to join Toyota, a company that is legendary for great products, advanced manufacturing and innovation. The company's presence in the U.S. is vast, employing nearly 30,000 people, and operating nine manufacturing plants with a 10th soon opening in Mississippi, which will create 2,000 more jobs," Ciccone said. "Toyota is committed to being a positive voice for public policies that encourage investment and job creation, and I am excited to lead the team that represents the company before government."

Ciccone has held a number of government and public affairs positions over a 23-year history with Kodak. Most recently, he has had responsibility for managing a worldwide team conducting business and government relations in the U.S. and in international markets, with special emphasis on China, Europe and Latin America.

A native of Utica, N.Y., Ciccone received a B.A. in English and History from the State University of New York at Albany, and a Masters degree in Public Administration from the Rockefeller College.