

Dwight Carlisle Named State Revenue Commissioner

MONTGOMERY—On Jan. 3, Governor-elect Bob Riley announced the appointment of Dwight Carlisle, former president and chief executive officer of the Alexander City-based Russell Corporation, to the post of State Revenue Commissioner, effective Jan. 20, 2003.

“Dwight Carlisle is someone who is serving for all the right reasons and personifies the kind of world-class people I promised to appoint to my cabinet,” said Riley. “He cares deeply about Alabama and is committed to helping us find solutions to the problems that plague our state. We are truly lucky to have his skills, his energies, and his experience in this important position in our administration.”

In accepting the appointment, Carlisle said he feels the Riley administration has a unique opportunity to reform how government in Montgomery operates, and he is eager to join the administration’s efforts.

We’ve all heard about the fiscal crisis that faces our state, but I believe that rather than continuing to depend on Band-Aids and one-time patches, this crisis opens the door for finding long-range solutions to our problems,” Carlisle said. “With innovative thinking and reform-minded efforts, we can move Alabama forward for our children and grandchildren.”

Carlisle began working at Russell Corporation as a cooperative education student at Auburn University and joined the company on a full-time basis after graduating with a degree in textile engineering in 1958. He joined the company’s board of directors in 1975, was named president and chief operating officer in 1982 and became president and chief executive officer in 1988.

In 1991, Carlisle retired from the company, which has 17,000 employees around the world and approximately \$1.6 billion in annual sales.

He serves on the board of the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, the Auburn Alumni Association, and the Russell Bryant-Jordan Scholar Athlete Program. Carlisle is also a trustee of the Alabama Department of Archives and History.

The 67-year old received the Distinguished Auburn Engineer from Auburn University in 1989 and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree from the school in 1995.

The above information was taken from a Jan. 3, 2003, news release issued by Governor-elect Bob Riley's Transition Office.