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Mr. Wood is an Energy Development Specialist for the Division of Energy, where he is coordinating the Division's efforts in the Office of Coalfield Community Development. One of his responsibilities is to ensure that the Office is meeting its legislative mandate as well as helping local and state development groups assess opportunities in the reuse of surface mined lands. He also works closely with the Division Director to help promote the development of energy resources and efficiency within West Virginia.

Mr. Wood was instrumental in the creation of the Mid-Atlantic Technology, Research & Innovation Center (MATRIC) while working as a Vice President of the Business and Industrial Corporation (BIDCO) in Charleston, West Virginia. He also directed the economic development effort of the Charleston Area Alliance, the successor of BIDCO. The responsibilities included business retention and expansion as well as recruitment and cultivating entrepreneurship within the community.

Mr. Wood, a native of Clay County West Virginia, is a graduate of WVU Tech. He also completed the coursework and graduated from the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute.