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EDC McClellan Industrial Park receives AdvantageSite designation

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., October 21 – Economic Development Council (EDC) McClellan Industrial Park in Calhoun County has received its first Alabama AdvantageSite designation.

The AdvantageSite program requires that community economic development organizations provide documentation specific to a proposed industrial site, including a set of standard data related to ownership/control, environmental and geotechnical conditions, and infrastructure status. Sites must also meet size, zoning and accessibility requirements.

The 57.59 plus-acre site is located within Anniston's city limits. The site is accessible via Iron Mountain Road, which connects to the Anniston Bypass and leads directly to Interstate 20. Currently an industrial access road is being constructed that will streamline the site's connection to Alabama 21 and U.S. 431. All utilities are either on-site or adjacent.

The application process was managed locally by the Calhoun County Economic Development Council with a team of local entities supporting and/or participating in the process.

EDC Chairman Larry Deason said the organization is very pleased to announce that its property at McClellan will be host to Calhoun County's first AdvantageSite.

"The program offers prospective businesses peace of mind that all due diligence has been performed on the site and that it is ready to be fully developed within a short time frame," Deason said. "We are proud of the work performed by our staff, members of the community and other business entities who have ensured that the process of receiving the AdvantageSite designation was smooth and accurate. Receiving this designation is a boon not just for Anniston, but for all of Calhoun County and demonstrates that we are a proactive community ready for business and industry. We look forward to expanding the AdvantageSite program within our community as we prepare more sites."

AdvantageSite is a teamwork approach between the private sector and state and local governments geared toward having prepared product and materials ready for industrial prospects. Alabama now has 46 active AdvantageSites through out the state.

The program is jointly sponsored by the Alabama Department of Commerce, Alagasco, Alabama Power Co., the North Alabama Industrial Development Association, PowerSouth Energy Cooperative, and coordinated by the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama. Representatives from each of the entities actively participate in application reviews and on-site visits to prospective AdvantageSite designees.

AdvantageSite is a voluntary industrial site preparedness program created in order to make the state more competitive for companies considering a location in Alabama. Fourteen projects have located on sites with AdvantageSite designations since the program's inception in 2008. These projects represent the creation of more than 3,000 jobs and \$665 million in capital investments.

For more information on the AdvantageSite program, please visit www.edpa.org/bsc/advantagesites.asp.