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Foley Beach Express Industrial Park receives AdvantageSite designation

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 4 – Foley Beach Express Industrial Park in Foley, Al, has received an Alabama AdvantageSite designation.

The Economic Development Partnership of Alabama's AdvantageSite program awards designations to community development organizations that successfully complete a comprehensive site documentation process. Required documentation is specific to a proposed industrial site and requires data related to ownership/control, environmental and geotechnical conditions, as well as infrastructure status. Sites must also meet size, zoning and accessibility requirements.

Joe Bullock- Chairman of the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance

"The Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance is excited to have partnered with the Alabama Advantage Site committee in certification of the Foley Beach Express Industrial Park. The site certification will be a great recruiting tool for us and we will join Alabama Department of Commerce, The Economic Development Partnership of Alabama, The Baldwin County Commission, and the City of Foley in marketing the property to both national and international businesses."

John Konair- Mayor of Foley, AL

"On behalf of the City Council and the City of Foley, we are grateful for the opportunity for our Foley Beach Express Industrial Park to be granted the Advantage Site designation. We are committed to making Foley a great place to live, and this allows us to afford our citizens the potential for great paying jobs in our hometown."

Jeff Rouzie- Director of Economic Development for the City of Foley

"Having our Foley Beach Express Industrial Park certified is a great marketing tool to increase its exposure to businesses outside the state. Although the certification is a long process, it will be a great asset in recruiting efforts. We look forward to working hand in hand with state and county officials to bring high paying jobs to Foley."

An 160.2-acre site, Foley Beach Express Industrial Park is located on the Foley Beach Express, 20 miles from I-10 and 32 miles from the Pensacola Regional Airport. The site is zoned PID (Planned Industrial District) for light industrial. All utilities are currently at the site or in close proximity. "Having the Foley Beach Express Industrial Park certified as an Advantage Site further increases our competitive advantage in recruiting twenty-first century corporate investment to Baldwin County. Mayor Konair and his team are to be commended for their proactive and aggressive approach to economic development" said Lee Lawson- President and CEO of Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance.

Foley Beach Express Industrial Park is the 38th site in Alabama to receive the designation, and the second site in Baldwin County.

“Sites that are awarded the AdvantageSite designation do have an advantage,” said Greg Blalock, EDPA AdvantageSite Coordinator . “We’re getting inquiries from other state economic development organizations, which are looking at creating similar programs for a reason – they’re effective. There is value in a site having a formal designation. It is visible evidence that a site has been looked at by a third party, or in this case, multiple parties, who can confirm that essential information on the site is readily available and correct.”

AdvantageSites are featured on EDPA’s buildings and sites database, the statewide database of industrial buildings and sites used by site selection consultants, state economic developers, and companies looking to expand in Alabama.

The AdvantageSite program is a voluntary industrial site preparedness program created in order to make the state more competitive for companies considering a location in Alabama. It is managed by EDPA, in cooperation with the Alabama Department of Commerce, Alabama Gas Corporation, Alabama Power Company, the North Alabama Industrial Development Association, and PowerSouth Energy Cooperative.

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