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Northeast College Site receives AdvantageSite designation

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., September 19 – Northeast College Site in Jackson County has received an 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 100-acre site is located between Scottsboro and Fort Payne near Dutton next to Northeast Alabama Community College. The site is about 13 miles to Interstate 59. The largest developable portion of the site is 95.6 acres. The site is also a TVA-designated Primary Data Center Site.

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

Jackson County Economic Development Authority President and CEO Dus Rogers said the authority is pleased that the Northeast College Site has earned designation as an Alabama AdvantageSite.

“Having this designation shows potential prospects that we are prepared as a community, and it demonstrates that we have a competitive location for doing business,” Rogers said. “It’s a great program and a very effective marketing tool that benefits us, our prospects, and site consultants. Having all due diligence complete and certified saves time and money and makes the whole process of information-sharing more efficient. Our community has already reaped the rewards from Jackson County Industrial Park’s designation, and we appreciate EDPA for administering the program.”

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.

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. Eleven projects have located on sites with AdvantageSite designations since the program’s inception in 2008. These projects represent the creation of more than 2,900 jobs and \$597 million in capital investments.

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