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## **Opp Industrial Park #4 receives AdvantageSite designation**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 29 – Opp Industrial Park #4 in Covington 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 102.51-acre site is at the intersection of U.S. 84 and U.S. 331 within the Opp city limits. The park also features a 40,000-square foot spec building adjacent to a 54-acre developable site. The largest developable portion of the park is 57 acres with all utilities either in the park or along U.S. 331.

The application process was managed locally by the Covington County Economic Development Commission (EDC) with a team of local entities supporting and/or participating in the process.

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, Alabama Gas Corp., 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.

Opp Mayor John Bartholomew said that the designation shows that Opp is open for business.

“This designation is the culmination of a lot of hard work by many people,” Bartholomew said. “Opp has an industrial site and spec building second to none in the State. We will now work just as hard to bring in industry for our community.”

Rick Clifton, president & CEO of the Covington County EDC & Business Development Center, said, “Opp is to be commended for receiving the AdvantageSite designation for its industrial park. The AdvantageSite designation is more than just a name; it shows that a community has made a commitment to its future.”

“Opp joins a select number of communities in the state and is only the 5<sup>th</sup> in Southeast Alabama with this designation and should be proud of their effort,” Clifton said.

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 2,700 jobs and \$525 million in capital investments.

For more information on the AdvantageSite program, please visit [www.edpa.org/bsc/advantagesites.asp](http://www.edpa.org/bsc/advantagesites.asp).