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Sutton Road Industrial Park receives AdvantageSite designation

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., August 20 – Sutton Road Industrial Park 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 352-acre industrial park is located on Progress Drive, approximately .5 miles from U.S. 29. The site is located in the City of Andalusia. The site is jointly owned by the City of Andalusia and the Industrial Development Board for Andalusia. All utilities are at the site.

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

Andalusia Mayor Earl Johnson praised all those who worked so hard on the project.

“The designation of the (former) Andalusia Industrial Park as an AdvantageSite is just another example that Andalusia is moving forward as a regional business and retail center,” Johnson said.

“We are ready for business with infrastructure, people and resources in place to make businesses successful.”

Rick Clifton, president and CEO of the Covington County EDC, said Andalusia joins a select number of communities with an AdvantageSite designation.

“The City and the Andalusia Industrial Development Board have shown a commitment to the future of Andalusia,” Clifton said. “This is what developers and companies are looking for when considering sites for new and expanding businesses.”

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.

AdvantageSite is a voluntary industrial site preparedness program. It was created in order to make the state more competitive for companies considering a location in Alabama. AdvantageSite is a teamwork approach between the private sector and state and local governments geared toward having prepared products and materials ready for industrial prospects. Eighteen projects have located on sites with AdvantageSite designations since the program’s inception in 2008. These projects represent the creation of more than 3,500 jobs and \$751.2 million in capital investments.

For more information on the AdvantageSite program, please visit <http://www.edpa.org/about-us/>