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Jackson County Industrial Park receives AdvantageSite re-designation

Birmingham, Ala., June 6 - The Jackson County Industrial Park, Alabama's first AdvantageSite, has received its re-designation from the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama.

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.

"AdvantageSite is a great program and a very effective marketing tool that benefits us, our prospects, and site consultants," said Dus Rogers, president & CEO of the Jackson County Economic Development Authority.

"When Tennessee Valley Authority located their in-processing and training center here, they told us the deciding factor was the availability of a spec building located on an AdvantageSite, so our community has already reaped the rewards of the designation and we appreciate EDPA for administering the program," he said.

"Having all due diligence complete and certified saves time and money and makes the whole process of information-sharing more efficient."

The park, which has 281 available acres, is located along Highway 72 and in addition to TVA's training center, is home to KTNA, a manufacturer of automotive interior carpeting.

The site is located in a HUB Zone and has a dual-feed sub-station on site. Geotechnical soil boring data is available, as well as surveys showing clean reports for Phase I Environmental, endangered species, and historical/archeological surveys.

"We often point to the Jackson County site as one of our success stories," said EDPA's Greg Blalock, who coordinates the program. "Examples such as this demonstrate the need for ready sites, and are why we're seeing increased interest in the program."

AdvantageSite is a voluntary industrial site preparedness program created in order to make the state more competitive for companies considering a location in Alabama.

The program is jointly sponsored by the Alabama Department of Commerce, Alabama Gas Corporation, Alabama Power Company, EDPA, 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.