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Capital Park at Westport, Montgomery designated an AdvantageSite

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 25 -- Capital Park at Westport, Montgomery has received an 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.

"The AdvantageSite designation of Capital Park at Westport is extremely important to our business recruitment efforts," said Ellen McNair, senior vice president of economic development at the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce. "This designation proves to our clients that this site is ready for any prospective industry and that we are able to meet short project timeframes."

An 160-acre site, Capital Park at Westport is strategically located at U.S. Highway 31 and Hyundai Boulevard, just one mile from I-65 and 4.5 miles from Montgomery Regional Airport. The site is zones M-3 for General Industry and is served by water, sewer, electricity and gas at the site boundary.

Capital Park at Westport is the 33rd site in Alabama to receive the designation, and the second site in Montgomery.

"Sites that are awarded the AdvantageSite designation do have an advantage," said Greg Knighton, EDPA vice president. "We're getting inquiries from other state economic development organizations who are looking at creating similar programs for a reason – they're effective. There is value in a site having a formal designation. It's 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 Development Office, 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
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