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Fairview Commons Industrial Park receives AdvantageSite designation

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., January 11 – The Fairview Commons Industrial Park in Conecuh County has received the 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 811-acre industrial park is located within the Evergreen city limits and has direct access to Interstate 65 via US 84. All utilities are either at the site or in close proximity. The park is also located in two specialty zones, one being a Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone), which gives companies “preferential access” to federal contracts, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration website, and the other a renewal community zone.

The application process was managed locally by the Coastal Gateway Regional Economic Development Alliance with a team of local entities supporting and/or participating in the process.

“There aren’t many 800-plus-acre tracts of essentially shovel-ready industrial property along Alabama interstates, and we believe this location, coupled with our ready workforce and business-friendly local governments, will lead to exciting and meaningful development for Conecuh County and the entire Coastal Gateway region in the future,” said Dr. John A. Johnson, executive director of Coastal Gateway Regional Economic Development Alliance. “We would like to thank property owner Wade Morris and the Conecuh County Commission for entrusting us as the agent for this property option, and for their support of the AdvantageSite process. We would also like to thank EDPA, Sain Associates, the Alabama Department of Commerce, PowerSouth and the city of Evergreen for their work on this project.”

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. Alabama now has 46 active AdvantageSites through out the state.

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. Twenty-one projects have located on sites with AdvantageSite designations since the program’s inception in 2008. These projects represent the creation of more than 4,100 jobs and \$904 million in capital investments.

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