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Chilton County Business Park receives AdvantageSite designation

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., January 22 – Chilton County Business Park has received its first 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 64.5-acre site is located in the unincorporated part of Chilton County, south of Clanton. The site is accessible from I-65 via Chilton County Road 59, which is a two lane heavy duty paved road. An industrial roadway has been constructed into the site, which connects to Chilton County Road 449 east of the property.

The application process was managed locally by the Chilton County IDB with a team of local entities supporting and/or participating in the process.

Fred Crawford with the Chilton County Industrial Development Board (IDB) said Chilton County is very honored to have its first AdvantageSite, and said the site designation is a result of the teamwork between Central Alabama Electric Cooperative, the Chilton County IDB and Sain Associates.

“We hope that we will follow this one with another site, so all economic developers will know that Chilton County is moving forward,” Crawford said.

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. Fourteen projects have located on sites with AdvantageSite designations since the program’s inception in 2008. These projects represent the creation of more than 3,000 jobs and \$665 million in capital investments.

For more information on the AdvantageSite program, please visit www.edpa.org/bsc/advantagesites.asp.