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## **Fairhope Airport Industrial Park receives AdvantageSite designation**

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 7** – Fairhope Airport Industrial Park in Baldwin County has received Alabama AdvantageSite designation. This is the fifth site designation for Baldwin County.

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 110-acre site has 75 contiguous developable acres and is located within the city limits of Fairhope. The site has road frontage on County Road 32 and is approx. 12 miles from Interstate 10. The site is located adjacent to the Fairhope Airport (H L Sonny Callahan Airport) which has a 6,604 foot runway. The site has all utilities either onsite or adjacent to the property.

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

Lee Lawson, president and CEO of the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, said the Fairhope Airport Industrial Park AdvantageSite designation further illustrates how strong of a location it is for aerospace companies. “The near completion of the Aerospace Training Center and the collaborative partnerships among multiple education entities prove to companies that locate at the Fairhope Airport Industrial park that they will not only have a great site, but also a very qualified and skilled workforce.

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 47 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 3,200 jobs and \$667 million in capital investments.

For more information on the AdvantageSite program, please visit [www.edpa.org/bsc/advantagesites.asp](http://www.edpa.org/bsc/advantagesites.asp).