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Schuman Property receives AdvantageSite designation

Birmingham, Ala., (August 27th) – Schuman Property in Cullman 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.

"We are excited that the Schuman Property in Cullman has received the AdvantageSite designation. This will allow our office and others entities to market the site more efficiently," said Jamie Troutman - Project Development Coordinator at the Cullman Economic Development Agency. "Our local utility providers and engineers were extremely helpful and responsive during the application process. AdvantageSites is such a worthwhile project for economic developers to undertake. All information you could possibly need on the site is in one place."

An 72.65-acre site, Schuman Property is located on 24th Street , 1.7 miles from I-65 and 45-47 miles from two commercial airport, Birmingham and Huntsville. The site is zones M1-P for industrial use and is served by water, sewer, electricity and gas at the site boundary.

Schuman Property is the 37th site in Alabama to receive the designation, and the second site in Cullman.

"Sites that are awarded the AdvantageSite designation do have an advantage," said Greg Blalock, EDPA AdvantageSite Coordinator . "We're getting inquiries from other state economic development organizations, which are looking at creating similar programs for a reason – they're effective. There is value in a site having a formal designation. It is 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 www.edpa.org/bsc/advantagesites.asp.

