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South Alabama Mega Site receives AdvantageSite designation

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 16 – South Alabama Mega Site in Baldwin County has received an 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 3,009 acre site is located within the city limits of Bay Minette and contiguous to Instate 65. The site accesses Interstate 65 via AL Highway 287. The largest developable portion of the site is 1,500 acres with all utilities either at or in close proximity to the site.

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 for Baldwin County EDA, said Baldwin County public officials and private land owners have continued to show dedication as they work with the Baldwin County EDA to prepare sites for job creation and development.

“The AdvantageSite Program is the state of Alabama’s highest designation for development-ready sites, and Baldwin County is now fortunate to host four sites, the most of any county in Alabama,” Lawson said. “It is a distinction in which we are proud of and an initiative that we plan to expand upon as we continue to prepare more sites in Baldwin County.”

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.

The program is jointly sponsored by the Alabama Department of Commerce, Alabama Gas Corporation, Alabama Power Company, 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. Eleven projects have located on sites with AdvantageSite designations since the program’s inception in 2008. These projects represent the creation of more than 2,900 jobs and \$597 million in capital investments.

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