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## **Westervelt's Calera Megasite earns AdvantageSite designation**

Birmingham, Ala., May 1 – The Calera Megasite in Shelby County, a Westervelt property, has received an AdvantageSite designation.

The Economic Development Partnership of Alabama's AdvantageSite program awards designations to 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.

"As a land resource organization, The Westervelt Company proactively participates in certification and assessment programs to ensure the land resources accurately reflect both its stewardship practices and sustainability mission," said Westervelt Realty Vice President Tom Chambers. "Third party assessment ensures the integrity of our operating philosophy and adds both short and long-term value for the customer."

The Calera Megasite is largest AdvantageSite to date. The 1,540-acre site lies just off of Interstate 65 and has adjacent rail service from Norfolk Southern. It is the second site in Shelby County to be designated.

"We are pleased to assist the Westervelt Company in obtaining the AdvantageSite designation for the Calera Megasite. This achievement represents an ongoing commitment from the public and private sectors to provide world-class sites for new and expanding industries in Alabama's fastest-growing county," said James Dedes, executive director of the Shelby County Economic and Industrial Development Authority.

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.

"Our sites database now lists 35 AdvantageSites in 19 counties, and new applications are coming in at a fast pace," said Greg Blalock, who manages the program. "We're seeing more traffic now than at any point since we launched the program in 2008, which points to the growing importance of having readily available documentation for projects working on a short timeline."

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 Department of Commerce, 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](http://www.edpa.org/bsc/advantagesites.asp).

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