

Alabama Development Office

Alagasco

Alabama Power Company

Economic Development Partnership of Alabama

North Alabama Industrial Development Association

PowerSouth Energy Cooperative

For Release: September 12, 2011

Contact: Wendy Johnson 205.943.4715

wwallace@edpa.org

Houston County Distribution Park receives AdvantageSite designation

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., September 12 – Houston County Distribution Park 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 Houston County Distribution Park is located one mile east of US 231 off Country Road 55 on the State line of Alabama and Florida.

"The Houston County Commission along with the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Dothan have a great and dynamic alliance that fuel our economic development efforts," said Mark Culver, chairman of the Houston County Commission. "The AdvantageSite designation emphasizes the opportunities we have for positive change through partnerships. This is a team project to meet this standard and I want to thank the Wiregrass Electric Cooperative, Southeast Alabama Gas District, CenturyLink, Alabama Power, the Dothan Chamber of Commerce Staff, and Polyengineering for helping us achieve this status on this site. The Advantage Site designation not only shows that we are serious about attracting new industry to our area, but also is a reflection of the unified team we have in our community to work on development opportunities. Good things happen together as a team."

AdvantageSite is jointly sponsored by the Alabama Development Office, 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.

"We are pleased to add the Houston County Distribution Park to the list of AdvantageSites in Alabama," said Greg Knighton, EDPA vice president and director of business information. "We believe this designation will further aid the economic development efforts for this fast growing area of Alabama along the Interstate -10 corridor."

AdvantageSite is a voluntary industrial site preparedness program created in order to make the state more competitive for companies considering a location in Alabama.

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

500 Beacon Parkway West Birmingham, Alabama 35209 205.943.4700 tel. 205.943.4799 fax info@advantagesite.org