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Jefferson Metropolitan Park Lakeshore receives AdvantageSite designation

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 26 – Jefferson Metropolitan Park Lakeshore has received an 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.

Jefferson Metropolitan Park Lakeshore is the second Jefferson County park to receive AdvantageSite designation. Jefferson Metropolitan Park McCalla received designation in 2009.

“We are certainly thrilled to now have two industrial parks in Jefferson County designated as AdvantageSites,” said Carma Jude, Jefferson County Economic and Industrial Development Authority executive director. “This is key to remaining competitive in the economic development arena and conveys to site consultants and companies that there are sites in Birmingham and Jefferson County ready to meet the needs of new business and industry.”

“The JeffMet Lakeshore Park provides an unsurpassed location to support high-tech office and industrial facilities. Having obtained the AdvantageSite designation on both parks means that consultants working to find locations for a range of projects - from manufacturing and distribution facilities to office and data center facilities – can find sites designated as ready to support those facilities in Jefferson County.”

“AdvantageSite, a voluntary industrial site preparedness program, was created to make the state more competitive for companies considering a location in Alabama,” said Greg Knighton, Economic Development Partnership of Alabama vice president and director of business information. “The JeffMet Lakeshore Park has strong infrastructure and we are glad that it has earned the AdvantageSite designation.”

The AdvantageSite program is jointly sponsored by the Alabama Development Office, Alabama Gas Corporation, Alabama Power Company, EDPA, the North Alabama Industrial Development Association and PowerSouth Energy Cooperative. Staff from each organization actively works the program.

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