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Thomasville South Industrial Park receives AdvantageSite designation

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 23 – Thomasville South Industrial Park in Clarke County has received an Alabama AdvantageSite designation. The designation was the last of the 2014 round of program applicants.

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 183-acre park is located within the city limits of Thomasville. The industrial park is adjacent to U.S. 43, a four-lane highway with turn lanes and is 68 miles from Interstate 65. The east property line of the site is bordered by a railroad that could also serve the “spec building” located in the industrial park. All utilities for the park are at the site. The site is owned by the Industrial Development Board of the City of Thomasville. The application process was managed by Dottie M. Gaston of Thomasville with a team of local entities supporting and/or participating in the process last year.

“The City of Thomasville and the Industrial Board of the City of Thomasville have always worked closely to build the necessary infrastructure to attract industry to our city,” said Thomasville Mayor Sheldon Day. “Through those efforts we have experienced hundreds of millions of dollars in capital investment and over 1,000 new jobs created in our community.”

Day said economic development does not happen without vision and hard work.

“Our Thomasville team has once again proven that a small town can compete with larger cities in accomplishing great things in the economic development arena,” Day said. “We are extremely proud today to tell the entire world that Alabama’s newest AdvantageSite is located in the Thomasville South Industrial Park.”

John Johnson, executive director of Coastal Gateway Regional Economic Development Alliance, congratulated Thomasville for the designation.

“Coastal Gateway set a goal last year for one AdvantageSite in each county,” Johnson said. “You can always count on Thomasville for leadership. Two down and a third on the way!”

The program is jointly sponsored by the Alabama Department of Commerce, Alabama Gas Corp., Alabama Power Co., the North Alabama Industrial Development Association, PowerSouth Energy Cooperative, and coordinated by EDPA. AdvantageSite is a teamwork approach with representatives from each of the entities actively participating in application reviews and on-site visits to prospective AdvantageSite designees.

For more information on the AdvantageSite program, please visit <http://www.edpa.org/about-us/advantagesite/>.