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## **I-65 Tyson Road Site receives AdvantageSite designation**

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 14** – The Interstate 65 Tyson Road Site in Hope Hull 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 735-acre site is on Tyson Road, approximately one minute from I-65, and is located in Lowndes and Montgomery counties. All utilities are currently at the site.

The application process was managed locally by Charlie Bass, corporate development research manager for the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce.

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, Spire, Alabama Power Co., 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.

“The AdvantageSite designation of the I-65 Tyson Road Site is extremely important to our business recruitment efforts,” said Ellen McNair, the chamber’s senior vice president of economic development. “This designation proves to our clients that this site is ready for any prospective industry, and that we are able to meet short project timeframes.”

Lowndes County Economic Development Commission Director Jim Byard, Jr., said the AdvantageSite designation is an excellent marketing tool for LCEDC.

“It proves that our site is ready for prospective industry, much of the preliminary work has been completed, and we are ready to locate an industry,” Byard said.

Added Thomas Ellis, LCEDC chairman, “This designation is a signal to our prospects and to site selectors that Lowndes County is prepared and serious about industrial recruitment.”

Lowndes County Commission Chairman Carnell McAlpine said, “a lot of folks worked to make this happen, both from the public and private sector. This AdvanatageSite designation is a first for Lowndes County, and I want to thank all of our partners.”

AdvantageSites are featured on EDPA’s buildings and sites database, which is the statewide database of industrial buildings and sites used by site selection consultants, state economic developers, and companies looking to expand in Alabama.

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 <http://www.edpa.org/about-us/advantagesite/>