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Winfield Interstate Site receives AdvantageSite designation

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 11 – The Winfield Interstate Site, located along the new I-22 corridor in Marion County, has received 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, as well as infrastructure status.

Sites must also meet size, zoning and accessibility requirements.

“This designation is important to the future growth of the City of Winfield,” said Winfield Mayor Bill West. “We’ve been putting the pieces together to ensure that this area is competitive for new industries locating in the Southeast and this is further evidence that we are willing to take the steps needed to welcome new industry and create new jobs.”

“We appreciate the opportunity to have been part of the pilot program and I commend Mayor West and the City Council for the engineering work they have had done to see that this property is ready for industry,” said David Graham, executive director of the Community Development Foundation of Marion County.

“I want to also thank the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama, the Alabama Development Office and the other AdvantageSite team members for their hard work implementing this new program,” said Graham.

“The interest in this program has exceeded our expectations,” said Greg Knighton, Economic Development Partnership of Alabama vice president and director of business information. “While this is the second site to be certified, we have many more already in process, and still more waiting for the next round of the program.”

“As we continue to award AdvantageSite designations, what is essentially happening is that the state’s arsenal of industrial sites is growing stronger. It means that we have the information on-hand to compete quickly and effectively with other states,” said Knighton.

In May, the Jackson County Industrial Park became the state’s first AdvantageSite.

The AdvantageSite program is jointly sponsored by the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama (EDPA) and the Alabama Development Office (ADO) and the following statewide and regional economic development allies - Alabama Gas Corporation, Alabama Power Company, PowerSouth Energy Cooperative and the North Alabama Industrial Development Association.

The voluntary industrial site preparedness program was 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.advantagealabama.com/bsc/advantagesitepublic.asp