



REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ENTITIES

COASTAL GATEWAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

(Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia and Monroe Counties)

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MISSION

The Coastal Gateway Economic Development Authority's primary mission is to market and promote the assets of Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Monroe and Escambia Counties.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

CGEDA works to accomplish its mission through four program goals:

- Marketing and recruitment of the Coastal Gateway region as a top tier southeast destination location
- Retention and expansion of existing business to strengthen and expand the income potential of all areas
- Creation of a planning and development program to assist in prioritizing county-wide issues that impact the Coastal Gateway region as a whole
- Development of a flexible resource fund to help execute collaborative lobbying efforts, entrepreneurial opportunities, regional networking and seed capital for initiatives.

CGEDA carries out its mission and fulfills its goals through partnerships with the local chambers of commerce, the local county economic development authorities, local industrial development boards and local city and county governments.

I-85 CORRIDOR ALLIANCE™

(The Counties linked by the Interstate-85 Corridor from Montgomery to the Alabama-Georgia state line: Bullock, Chambers, Elmore, Lee, Macon, Montgomery, Russell, and Tallapoosa Counties)

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MISSION

The I-85 Corridor Alliance is a regional partnership of government, civic, business, and educational stakeholders dedicated to promoting innovation, prosperity, collaboration and competitiveness along Interstate I-85 in Alabama.

OVERVIEW

Drawing upon examples of other university-based economic partnerships, such as the Research Triangle in North Carolina, the I-85 Corridor Alliance™ strives to promote productive cooperative partnership among various stakeholder interests in the region of central and eastern Alabama defined by the counties linked by Interstate 85 from Montgomery to the Georgia state line.

Auburn University and the Auburn-Opelika metropolitan area serve as the hub of Alliance™ activity focused on

- Providing a forum among stakeholders with a goal of creating an overall economic vision for the region
- Creating development strategies which draw upon the unique assets of the region and its communities
- Creating a brand identity for promoting the region to outside interests
- Conducting joint projects of mutual benefit and interest to the region's stakeholders
- Promoting development initiatives of individual stakeholder partners to leverage value for the region.

The Alliance™ strives to reach across city, county and political lines to promote value added development of the region, ultimately creating high quality, high paying jobs, better quality of life and increased prosperity for all citizens along the corridor.

The Economic & Community Development Institute at Auburn University provides direction and administrative support for the I-85 Corridor Alliance™.

METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(Bibb, Blount, Chilton, Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair, and Walker Counties)

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OVERVIEW

The Metropolitan Development Board is the lead economic development agency for the Birmingham-Hoover MSA, encompassing a seven-county region. MDB's focus is on recruiting quality companies from around the globe and assisting local businesses with expansion plans.

FOCUS AREAS

MDB and area leaders have identified several major business activities that match up exceptionally well with the Birmingham area's resources, and that have responded well to the area's location advantages, including:

- Financial Services
- Biotechnology
- Distribution Centers
- Automotive Parts Manufacturing & Distribution
- Headquarters and Administrative Support Office Operations
- Machinery and Fabricated Metals

NORTH ALABAMA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

(The Tennessee Valley Authority power distribution region of North Alabama: Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Franklin, Jackson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marshall, Morgan, and a portion of Winston Counties)

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OVERVIEW

NAIDA assists in the location and development of industry in the TVA power distribution area of Alabama. NAIDA markets nationally and internationally.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- Available Buildings and Sites - There are over 100 buildings available in North Alabama that range in size from 2,000 sq. ft. to 691,000 sq. ft. These buildings are suitable for manufacturing, distribution or research and development. In addition, the region has available industrial sites ranging in size from 5 acres to over 2,000 acres. Specification sheets and photographs are available upon request.
- Demographics - NAIDA can provide complete community demographic information for each county within the North Alabama region.
- Visit Coordination – NAIDA can make all of the local arrangements for site or building visits within their region, including providing information on financing, environmental permitting, incentives and free labor training.
- Confidentiality and Valuable Relationships: NAIDA ensures confidentiality for all inquiries and correspondence, and all of their services are provided free of charge without obligation. They are committed to building valuable relationships that last.

SOUTHEAST ALABAMA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

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OVERVIEW

The Southeast Alabama Economic Development Partnership Web site is designed to provide the most comprehensive economic development information about Southeast Alabama. It was created through funding from the Economic Development Administration and the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning

and Development Commission. The content for the site was built and is maintained by Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission through a partnership with local and state organizations.

FOCUS AREAS

Web site content is broken up into five distinct categories:

- Industry
- Tourism
- Agriculture
- Retirement
- Entrepreneurial/Small Business

WEST ALABAMA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

(Fayette, Lamar, and Pickens Counties)

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MISSION

To promote and enhance the economic well being of all citizens, businesses and industry in Fayette, Lamar and Pickens counties through effective planning and proven development strategies.

OVERVIEW

The West Alabama Economic Development Authority (WAEDA) is a quasi-public agency encompassing three counties in West Alabama. The counties represented by the organization include Fayette, Lamar and Pickens counties. WAEDA was formed in October 2000 by state statute, with the sole purpose of promoting economic development throughout the tri-county region.

The authority can provide access to numerous incentives available through the State of Alabama and local governments. Incentives may include tax abatements for sales, use and property taxes, as well as infrastructure grants.

WEST ALABAMA REGIONAL ALLIANCE

(Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties)

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OVERVIEW

The West Alabama Regional Alliance is a five-county partnership designed to promote community and economic development in the areas of Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter counties.

MISSION

The mission of the Alliance is to work together to improve the quality of life in West Alabama by supporting effective leadership, developing the region's workforce, and promoting economic growth. Additionally, the Alliance will promote regional unity and collaboration, serve as an advocate for regional community and economic development, and provide opportunities to discuss regional issues and concerns.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The Economic Development Committee has been charged with the following objectives:

- To establish a program to attract retirees to the area
- To support existing business and industry
- To focus on recruiting new industry along the I-20/59 corridor and throughout the region
- To promote the development of the natural resources of the region.

For More Information: The Alliance also maintains:

- A toll-free telephone line for answering questions related to regional tourism.
- A Web site, which contains regional information regarding historic sites, hotels, and other tourism related information (such as a calendar of events). This Web site can be accessed online at <http://www.alabamacanebrake.org>.