

# LOCAL BUSINESS INCENTIVES

## Douglas-Coffee County, Georgia

Douglas is centrally located to easily serve the southeast U.S. and growing Florida market. Proven success lies in the operations of existing industries.



### Ad Valorem Tax Abatement (restrictions may apply)

- **Tax abatements can be given on city, county and school taxes** for period of allocation based on job creation, capital investment, etc.
- Eligibility limited to land, buildings and equipment

### Freeport Exemption: Available in Coffee County

- **Inventory of goods in the process of being manufactured or produced including raw materials and partly finished goods**
- Inventory of finished goods manufactured or produced within this State held by the manufacturer or producer for a period not to exceed 12 months
- Inventory of finished goods on January 1 that are stored in a warehouse, dock, or wharf which are destined for shipment outside this State for a period not to exceed 12 months

### Build-out/Construction: Commercial/Industrial contractors and engineering services are located in Douglas area.

- They provide quality services and work closely with the local Economic Development Authority to meet partner's needs in a timely manner. Contact information is available upon request.
  - ❑ Permits/Infrastructure: Required **permits can be obtained quickly** through the City of Douglas, Department of Community Development, (912) 389-3462

### Labor: The Georgia Department of Labor can assist with labor recruitment activities

- Professional staff in the Douglas Office will provide a full range of services, including hosting a job fair, specific to your company; a qualified regional workforce is available
- **Employee Training: Quick Start** provides training through Georgia's Technical Colleges (see State Incentives for more details)
  - ❑ Wiregrass Technical College is located within 2 miles of industrial parks and offers professional and prompt assistance through Georgia Quick Start Program ; Training is provided at NO cost to employers.

### Taxation/Local Millage:

- Coffee County – 8.32; City of Douglas - 8.49; BOE – 16.60

### Fire Protection:

- **ISO rating – 3**; provides substantial saving on insurance

### Georgia Tier Status:

- Coffee County tier status is “1”, allowing for **maximum state benefits/incentives**

### Transportation: Douglas is centrally **located between 4 interstates (I-75, I-10, I-95, & I-16)**

- 4 lane access to Georgia's Seaports, the growing Florida market, and interstates
- Douglas Municipal Airport - direct user access to the 6005 foot runway
- Nearby service – Savannah, Valdosta, Albany, and Jacksonville, Florida
- Direct four-lane access to interstate highways leads to Georgia's deepwater ports (Brunswick and Savannah) and JaxPort in Florida.

### Drug Free Workplace:

- Employers in Georgia certified by the State Board of Workers' Compensation as having a drug-free workplace are entitled to a **7.5% discount on their workers' compensation premiums**. It is designed to assist businesses in achieving drug-free certification. As a business member you will have the opportunity to participate in a statewide drug-free workplace program established by the Georgia Chamber of Commerce.

**Many other incentives are regulated through the State of Georgia.** A verification of incentives will be made for each individual project to ensure information is applicable. (see State Incentives included in this package)

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