

## **Local Business Incentives**

Douglas is conveniently located to serve the southeastern U.S. Proven success lies in the operations of existing industries.

## Ad Valorem Tax Abatement

 Eligible projects may receive tax abatements on city, county and school taxes for period of allocation based on job creation, capital investment, etc.

## 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 project needs in a timely manner. Contact information is available upon request.
- Expedited local permits may be obtained through the City of Douglas, Department of Community Development, (912) 389-3462

Workforce: 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 job fairs, applicant search, etc.
- Georgia's award-winning workforce training program "Quick Start" may be available to eligible projects through Georgia's Technical Colleges
- Wiregrass Technical College is located within two miles of industrial parks and offers professional and prompt assistance and customized workforce training curriculum

Taxation/Local Millage: Coffee County 8.0, City of Douglas 8.51, Board of Education 16.1

Fire Protection: ISO Rating "3"; provides substantial saving on property insurance

Georgia Statutory Incentives: Coffee County has a "Tier 1" status providing maximum state 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 6,005 foot runway
- Nearby service Savannah, Valdosta, Albany, and Jacksonville, Florida
- Direct four-lane access to Ports in Savannah, Brunswick, Jacksonville and beyond
- Rail CSX Rail Service in Community

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.

