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## **Cooperative District of Winston County receives AdvantageSite designation**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., June 25 – The Cooperative District of Winston 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, and infrastructure status.

Sites must also meet size, zoning and accessibility requirements.

“Our office committed to attaining the AdvantageSite designation from the outset of the program,” said Grady Batchelor, president of the Industrial Development Authority of Winston County, Alabama, Inc. and the Cooperative District of Winston County, Alabama, Inc. “Having available industrial sites to facilitate the recruitment of new industry and the retention and expansion of existing industry is essential to a sustainable economic development strategy. Having a site that has been vetted through a process like the AdvantageSite program takes a community to a whole new level.”

The industrial park is being developed by The Cooperative District of Winston County, Alabama, Inc. whose members include the Towns of Addison, Arley, Double Springs, Lynn; the City of Haleyville, the Winston County Commission; and the Industrial Development Authority of Winston County, Alabama, Inc. The park is the ninth Alabama site to earn AdvantageSite designation.

“The Cooperative District of Winston County is a prime example of what can be accomplished when local entities pool resources for the greater good. What you now have is an industrial site that shows prospective industries that these local communities are committed to working together for growth and development,” said Greg Knighton, Economic Development Partnership of Alabama vice president and director of business information.

This is the ninth site in Alabama to be designated an AdvantageSite.

The AdvantageSite program is jointly sponsored by the Alabama Development Office, Alabama Gas Corporation, Alabama Power Company, EDPA, the North Alabama Industrial Development Association and PowerSouth Energy Cooperative.

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](http://www.advantagealabama.com/bsc/advantagesitepublic.asp)