

Impressive – that's what officials and businesses are saying about this southwest Georgia town whose comprehensive master plan is already racking up tremendous progress. Any business looking for an outstanding opportunity to partner with progressive local leaders intent on win-win economic development will locate here and take full advantage of generous incentives like tier 1 job tax credits.





## **UNSURPASSED OPERATING BENEFITS**

- Proximity to Fort Benning and Fort Rucker (Ala.)
- Abundant agriculture and natural resources
- Extremely low property taxes
- · Very low cost of living

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### PRIME DISTRIBUTION ASSETS

- Served by CSX and Norfolk Southern rail lines
- 5,500-foot airport runway
- Located on U.S. 27 and Georgia Highway 62



### LABOR WITH STRONG WORK ETHIC

- · Experienced factory labor force
- Free Quick Start custom job training
- Nearby Bainbridge State College technical certification and degrees



### **ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS**

- Seamless broadband coverage
- High-capacity fiber using next-generation optics interlaced with one of the most advanced mobile 4G LTE wireless broadband internet networks is under construction

COUNTY: Early
COUNTY POPULATION: 10,599

### **DELIVERED ENERGY**





### **PRO-BUSINESS**

- Certified Work Ready Community
- Comprehensive Transportation Grid
- Highest Tier 1 Job Tax Credits Available
- First Class Industrial Park
- 100% Freeport Inventory Tax Exemption



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### **LOCALLY OWNED AND MAINTAINED UTILITIES**

- · Natural gas, water, sewer, electricity and solid waste
- · Rates set to keep businesses competitive

### HOME TO GEORGIA SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE



### **SOUTHERN HISTORIC ATTRACTIONS**

- · Early County Museum
- · Renovated city hall
- Historic town square restoration
- Kolomoki Mounds State Park
  - Oldest and largest Woodland Indian site in the southeastern U.S. featuring temple mounds
  - The park's museum is built around an excavated mound
  - Hiking trails, camping, fishing, boating and picnicking
  - 2 lakes, playgrounds and ball fields
- · Coheelee Creek Covered Bridge



### A THINK-AHEAD COMMUNITY

- 50-year revitalization project underway
- \$8 million expansion of wastewater treatment facility
- · New city gateway planned
- Taking advantage of a charming downtown
- Celebrating its heritage in new city displays and beautification
- Highlighting its abundant natural resources and historic places

## RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW

- American International Marksmanship Academy (AIM)
- · Birdsong Peanut Company
- Damascus Peanut Company
- Early County Gin, Inc.
- Early Trucking Company
- Georgia-Pacific Corporation
- · Golden Peanut Company
- Nantze Springs Natural Spring Water
- Olam Edible Nuts
- · Pioneer Community Hospital of Early
- Primary Care of Southwest Georgia
- · Progressive Ag Co, LLC
- Republic Conduit
- SouthernAg Carriers
- Universal Blanchers



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