

BARTOW-CARTERSVILLE JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

BARTOW MEANS BUSINESS

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The mission of the Bartow-Cartersville Joint Development Authority is to develop and promote trade, commerce, industry and employment opportunities for the public good and general welfare of Cartersville-Bartow County and of the state.

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Leadership is a positive force in locating and keeping businesses in our community. Building on a long tradition of visionary economic development efforts, current leadership has helped create an environment in which Bartow businesses have thrived in 2006. This publication is intended to summarize and celebrate a great year in Bartow County's economic development efforts.

The Bartow-Cartersville Joint Development Authority (BCJDA) has exemplified the word "team" when working together and along side the broader Bartow Team. I thank the members of the BCJDA and our fellow Development Authorities who volunteer their time and lend their expertise to accomplishing the goals and challenges set before us. Thanks as well to the City of Cartersville, Bartow County Government, the Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce, MEAG Power, Georgia Power, other utility partners, land owners, brokers, and educators for sharing in vision and service.

Thank you to companies who call Bartow County "home" and provide jobs to our citizens. These 110 manufacturers work hard to stay competitive in today's global environment and retain valuable jobs for our citizens. You are the strength and stability of our economy. Some manufacturers have shut their doors. To you, we extend our appreciation for your years here, and for efforts to keep your operations going as long as you did.

To the companies that have expanded or have joined the Bartow manufacturing community in 2006, we applaud and welcome you. Collectively, 14 companies have announced/spent nearly \$1.028 billion in new capital investment, created almost 340 new permanent manufacturing jobs, and generated 1,000 temporary craft laborer jobs.

Join us in showing appreciation for 2006 successes. Then join in service with our community partners for a very optimistic 2007, because Bartow means business!



James Jarrett

Chairman, Bartow-Cartersville Joint Development Authority

