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### EDC announces Albany-Dougherty Industry Celebration Week

**Albany, Ga.** – The Albany-Dougherty Economic Development Commission today announced the creation of a weeklong celebration in May honoring industries in Albany-Dougherty County. Albany-Dougherty Industry Celebration Week is a restructuring and expansion of the former Industry of the Year recognitions awarded by the EDC.

The purpose of the weeklong celebration is three-fold: Expose residents to the variety of industries located in the community; create exposure for local industries; and honor the accomplishments of industries.

“In rethinking the way we recognize our industrial partners, two primary goals were to educate the public and the business community on the incredible and diverse industries located here,” said EDC President Ted Clem. “We thought it would be great to expand the festivities and really celebrate our assets.”

The awards have been restructured for Industry Celebration Week. In the past, the EDC recognized industries in three categories: small, medium and large. The new categories of recognition are economic impact; excellence in innovation; global commerce; and corporate community citizenship, which has been named the Good Life City Award.

All industries in Albany-Dougherty County are eligible – and encouraged – to apply for the industry awards, which will be announced at the May 5 Rise N Shine breakfast at the Hilton Garden Inn in downtown Albany. The event starts at 7:30 a.m.

“The new awards are another tool in understanding our resources and assets,” Clem said. “It’s a smarter, more clearly-defined way of evaluating industries’ successes and their roles within – and beyond – the Albany Area economy.”

Details of the week’s festivities will be released as the event nears.

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