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## Letter from the

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ome organizations have adopted a play-it-safe position until the economic recovery completely takes hold. Others have taken an altogether different approach. Their DNA compels them to be bold, to seize opportunity, to be game changers in their own right. The Development Authority of Fulton County and the clients it served in 2010 are great examples of this latter group. Our collaborations mean you can mark the Development Authority of Fulton County down for another outstanding year of issuing bonds to jumpstart healthcare, manufacturing, education, retail, and other projects that are expanding Fulton County's productivity and wealth.

The Board of Directors appreciates your interest in and support of one of the most productive and influential economic development organizations anywhere. With great pride, I present this report as a tribute to all who continued to invest in us during this period of uncertainty. The return on your investments are once again impressive.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Development Authority, I extend thanks to Fulton County Government, our clients, and the Development Authority's many supporters. Your confidence in the Development Authority inspires us to even greater heights.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Shaw



## Letter from the

## Executive Director

**Our Mission** 

To stimulate
quality economic
development in
Fulton County using
comprehensive

designed to expand

marketing programs

and diversify the tax

base, provide quality

jobs, retain existing

businesses and

sustain quality of life

for residents

throughout Fulton

County.

t is no coincidence—and no small accomplishment—that for nearly four decades the Development Authority of Fulton County annually distinguishes itself by the impact it makes on the Atlanta region's economy. This Development Authority is well-served by a staff that holds itself to the highest performance standards and goes about its business in ways that inspire trust and confidence from an extraordinary array of clients—including an impressive number of repeat clients.

I have come to expect great things from our staff members. **But I never take their performance for granted.** 

On a daily basis I witness the dedication and attention to detail that helps this agency attract clients and close significant deals. Bonds issued in 2010, for example, will

lead to projects such as the development of a biotechnology manufacturing facility, the renovation of a university campus dining facility,

and the construction of a major warehouse and distribution center.

Timing is everything. While it is noteworthy that markers of the Development Authority's 2010 performance include \$818.5 million in bond financing and an estimated 7,000 jobs, of critical importance is that this performance happened during a protracted economic slowdown. Truly the Development Authority of Fulton County is a catalyst for economic recovery and growth.

I join Development Authority
Chairman Bob Shaw in expressing
deep appreciation to Development
Authority members, the Fulton
County Manager and the Fulton
County Board of Commissioners for
their unwavering support. Our best is
yet to come.

Best Regards,

Dr. C. Clayton Powell

### Overview

### Development Authority of Fulton County

reated in 1973 by Georgia law and a resolution of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners as a special unit of government, the mission of the Development Authority of Fulton

County is to stimulate diverse,
high-quality economic
development. It does so
primarily by providing
taxable and tax-exempt
bond financing pursuant
to Georgia Development

Authorities law and Economic
Development Policy created by
the Fulton County Board of
Commissioners. Under a 2006
Memorandum of Understanding, the
Authority, in partnership with Fulton
County Government, expanded its
mission to provide wide-ranging
economic development services on
behalf of Fulton County. The Authority
also funds community based
economic development initiatives.

On a sterling reputation for innovation and service excellence, the Development Authority of Fulton County has become the preeminent development authority in the southeastern United States.

The Development Authority of Fulton County has issued more than

\*\*16 billion in bonds and helped well over 300 businesses and institutions build, renovate, expand or relocate in Fulton County. The Authority serves clients of all sizes, from small, entrepreneurial enterprises to major corporations and institutions—UPS, Georgia Tech, Newell Rubbermaid, Morehouse College and Turner Broadcasting, for example—whose names are icons. Projects funded have endowed everything from education, health care and transportation to arts and culture.

Cordial professionalism, attention to detail, personal service and satisfied business partners are hallmarks of the Development Authority.

The Authority's jurisdiction encompasses all of unincorporated Fulton County and its municipalities, including the city of Atlanta. The Authority works closely with other state and local development organizations as well as with area chambers of commerce. The Authority is a charter member of the Joint Development Authority of Metropolitan Atlanta.

## The Year in Review

## Catalyst for Recovery and Growth

2010 saw the Fulton County economy, like economies

across the country, struggling to escape the grip of an extended

downturn. The local economy registered signs of improvement, including modest activity in some of the so-called supersectors such as

manufacturing, healthcare and education. The Development Authority of Fulton County provided bond financing for several projects in those areas and, thus, was a catalyst for critical economic growth and jobs creation.

The Development Authority considered bond Inducement Resolutions representing more than \$904.4 million in capital improvement projects within Fulton County and accounting for the creation or retention of approximately 8,435 jobs.

With **13 bond issues completed**, project financing for 2010 totaled \$818.5 million,

which spurred the creation or retention of approximately 6,824 jobs throughout Fulton County.

Significantly, bond issues completed will generate millions in new tax revenue for

Fulton County.

After canceling the 2009 Holiday Networking Developers' Night celebration in deference to the economic climate, the Development Authority in 2010 restored the annual salute to its business clients and partners. The event celebrated the Development Authority's accomplishments, provided exposure and marketing opportunity and recognized businesses and institutions that closed deals with the Development Authority in 2009 and 2010.

For that period, the sum of bond issues for 21 companies, institutions and organizations exceeded \$2.4 billion.

Strong support from Fulton County
Government was once again a major
factor in the success of the Development
Authority. County government also
expressed its appreciation for the
Development Authority's leadership in
expanding the Fulton County tax base.

The Development Authority extended its participation in the Joint Development **Authority of Metropolitan Atlanta** during 2010, partnering with neighboring economic development entities to market the region and promote quality economic growth. The Authority is a member of the Georgia Economic Developers Association, the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, and the International Economic Development Council, which certifies economic development professionals worldwide. It works closely with the Georgia Department of Industry, Trade and Tourism to bring new businesses and industries to Fulton County.

#### Bond Inducements

n 2010, the Development Authority entertained 13 bond Inducement Resolutions,

representing more than

\$904.4 million in capital

improvement projects within Fulton County and accounting for the creation or retention

of approximately 8,435 jobs.

By comparison, Inducement
Resolutions for 2009 numbered 20,
representing more than \$2.2 billion

in capital improvement projects affecting 12,806 jobs.

Inducement Resolutions for 2008 totaled \$2.4

billion in capital improvement

projects, affecting 21,616 jobs.

Please refer to the 2010 Bond Inducements chart on page 7 for project details.

#### Bond Issues Completed

Project financing obtained through bonds issued by the Development Authority during 2010 totaled \$818.5 million, creating or retaining an

estimated **6,824 jobs** within Fulton County.

By comparison, bonds issued by the Development Authority in 2009 totaled \$1.7 billion, creating or retaining 15,330

Fulton County jobs. For the previous year, 2008, the Development Authority issued bonds totaling \$676.3 million, creating or

retaining 9,366 jobs within Fulton County.

Projects funded during 2010 touched every part of Fulton County— north, south, as well as the city of Atlanta. There was also a mix of project types—from manufacturing and distribution centers to medical and educational facilities.

Projects funded by bonds issued in 2010 will generate millions in new tax revenue to Fulton County.

Please refer to the 2010 Bond Issues Completed chart on page 8 for project details.

## Development Authority of Fulton County

## 2010 Bond Inducements

Client	Amount	Projected Job Creation
1075 Peachtree, LLC Phase II	\$ 34,000,000	2,000
MBA Waste Services, LLC	5,000,000	30
Georgia Tech Facilities, Inc.	47,000,000	131
The Coca-Cola Company	120,000,000	20
Shepherd Center	83,000,000	1,190
CTECH Holdings, LLC	220,000,000	1,700
Southside Medical Center, Inc.	5,100,000	184
Tivoli Properties, Inc.	115,000,000	250
Dewberry Capital Corporation	110,000,000	1,530
Georgia Tech Athletic Association	95,000,000	138
Macy's Systems and Technology	17,000,000	1,203
Georgia State University Foundation, Inc.	18,000,000	28
MAS ASB COGEN, LLC	25,100,000	31
Atlanta Metropolitan College	10,280,000	
Totals	\$904,480,000	8,435

# Development Authority of Fulton County 2010 Bond Issues Completed

Client	Date Closed	Amount of Bond Issue	Projecte Jo Creatio	ob Project
Lane/Dawson Company	1/04/10	\$252,000,000	152	Atlanta
AdvancED, Inc.	1/25/10	9,500,000	15	Atlanta
Goodwill of North Georgia, Inc.	1/28/10	7,000,000	40	Atlanta
Industrial Developments	3/19/10	40,000,000	400	Fairburn
Catholic Health East	4/27/10	49,735,000	2,424	Atlanta
The Coca-Cola Company	6/23/10	120,000,000	20	Fulton County
Southside Medical Center	8/19/10	5,100,000	184	South Fulton
Georgia Tech Facilities	8/26/10	43,220,000	131	Atlanta/John's Creek
Shepherd Center, Inc.	12/02/10	66,000,000	250	Midtown
Dendreon Corporation	12/22/10	75,000,000	550	Union City
1075 Peachtree LLC, Phase II	12/28/10	34,000,000	2,000	Midtown
Majestic Airport Center III	12/29/10	100,000,000	500	South Fulton
Macy's Systems and Technology	12/29/10	17,000,000	158	John's Creek
Totals		\$818,555,000	6,824	

## 2011 Outlook

## Emerging Economic Recovery

y most accounts,
economic recovery is
well underway and
predicted to slowly gain
momentum as 2011
progresses. Fulton County's
economy stands to benefit
from the renewed activity, and
the Development Authority of
Fulton County anticipates
contributing to the renewal by
offering favorable financing

options to
developers and
project owners.

Fulton County
retains its
attractiveness
as a business
location and
the

Development
Authority
continues to be
widely
regarded as
an efficient.

customer-focused issuer of debt for quality economic development projects.



The Development Authority's plans to aggressively market and promote opportunities throughout Fulton County to new and existing clients heighten our expectations that 2011 will be a year of brisk activity. The agency's success at funding geographically diverse projects in many sectors of the economy also bodes well for continued growth in 2011.

As always, the
Development Authority
of Fulton County will
continue to work

diligently to maintain the confidence and support of the County
Manager's Office of Fulton County,
as well as the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, both of whose support has been key to the
Authority's sustained success.

## Partners in Regional Economic Development

## Joint Development Authority of Metropolitan Atlanta

#### Joint Development Authority Board of Directors

#### Robert J. Shaw

(Chairman)
Chairman, Development Authority
of Fulton County

#### **Judy Turner**

(Secretary/Treasurer)
Chairman, DeKalb County
Development Authority

#### **Larry Vincent**

Chairman, Development Authority of Clayton County

#### Mike Sullivan

Chairman, Rockdale County Development Authority

#### John Dorris

Vice Chair, Development Authority of Fulton County

#### **Mac Perkins**

Vice Chair, Rockdale County Development Authority

#### Shi Shailendra

Vice Chair, DeKalb County Development Authority

#### **Delores P. Aldridge**

Vice-Chair, DeKalb County Development Authority



he Development Authority
of Fulton County worked
collaboratively with
development authorities in
neighboring Clayton, DeKalb and
Rockdale counties under the
auspices of the Joint Development
Authority of Metropolitan Atlanta.
The combined population of the
participating counties represents
approximately one-fourth of the
population of Georgia.

Pursuing a regional approach to economic development, the Joint Authority addressed diverse issues—from unified marketing strategies and support of pro-development legislation, to educational outreach and initiatives that address local issues affecting regional growth. In 2010, for example, the Joint

Development Authority produced a full-spread, four-color advertorial that ran in a special economic development edition of the Atlanta Business Chronicle.

The Authority's participation in the Joint Development Authority allowed each company locating within its jurisdiction to earn a state tax credit of \$2,500 for each qualified new job each year for five years.

The Authority's Board of Directors met quarterly—in January, April, July and October-with meeting sites rotating among the member counties.

Robert J. Shaw, chairman of the Development Authority of Fulton County, served as chairman of the Joint Authority in 2010.

## Development Authority

## Support Staff

#### **Marva Bryan**

Authority Financial Secretary Business Development Manager

#### **Senator Leroy Johnson**

Authority Counsel Attorney at Law

#### **Doris Metcalfe Coleman**

Authority Executive Secretary
Senior Business Development Officer

#### **Camille Goodlett Stephens**

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#### Lewis C. Horne, Jr.

Authority Counsel Attorney at Law

#### **Bob Simmons**

**Business Development Manager** 

## Toint Development Authority

### Counsel

#### G. Robert Oliver

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Development Authority of DeKalb County

#### Lewis C. Horne, Jr.

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#### **Senator Leroy Johnson**

**Development Authority of Fulton County** 

#### **Robert Maddox**

Rockdale County Development Authority

## Joint Development Authority

## Executive Support Staff

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