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GOVERNMENT & COMMERCE

Atlanta is home to the Consulate General of Argentina. The Consulate has jurisdiction over the states of Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee and South Carolina. Mr. P. Carlos Layus has served as Consul General since 2004.

The Georgia chapter of the Argentine Chamber of Commerce is located in Atlanta. The Chamber, which is a division of the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GHCC), promotes business, investment and tourism between Argentina and the United States. The Hispanic American Center for Economic Development, a subsidiary of the GHCC, is the educational and economic development arm dedicated to the establishment and growth of Hispanic business in the state of Georgia.

The Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce was founded in Atlanta in 1984 and promotes the domestic and international economic development of Hispanic businesses and Hispanic business people. The organization seeks to bring the issues and concerns of the growing number of Hispanic entrepreneurs to the forefront of Georgia's economic agenda. Tisha Tallman is President and CEO of the GHCC.

The second annual Americas Competitiveness Forum (ACF) was held in Atlanta in August 2008. The Forum provided opportunities for government entities, the business community, and representatives from academia and non-governmental organizations to discuss actions that can be taken to improve competitiveness and economic prosperity in the Americas.

TRADE

Argentina ranks 31st among Georgia's export partners. In 2008, exports to Argentina totaled more than \$183 million, a 17% increase from 2007. Georgia ranked 10th among U.S. states exporting to Argentina. Top Georgia exports to Argentina include machinery, photographic/cinematography, paper/paperboard, electrical machinery, and organic chemicals.

In 2008, Argentine imports through the Savannah Customs District totaled \$141 million. The Savannah Customs District ranked 12th among U.S. ports receiving imports from Argentina, in 2008. Top imports from Argentina include fats and oils, furniture and bedding, cereals, and miscellaneous chemical products.



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CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Georgia companies with operations in Argentina:

AGCO Corporation
AJC International
APCO Graphics Inc.
CIBA Vision Corp.
The Coca-Cola Company
CP Kelco
Crawford & Company
Delta Air Lines Inc.
Equifax Inc.
Georgia-Pacific Corporation

Golden Peanut Company
Hooters of America
Infor Global Solutions
Lowe Refrigeration Inc.
Onity
SED International Holdings Inc.
Spectrum Brands Inc,
United Parcel Service Inc.
UPS Supply Chain Solutions
WEG Electric Motors Corporation



An Argentine company with a location in Georgia is Allende & Brea.



TRANSPORTATION

Delta Air Lines offers daily direct flights from Atlanta to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Multiple ocean carriers, including Mediterranean Shipping, APL and Mitsui OSK Lines, sail weekly from the Port of Savannah to the Port of Buenos Aires.

COMMUNITY & EDUCATION

There are more than 1,000 Argentines living in the state of Georgia (U.S. Census Bureau, 2006). Nearly 600,000 Georgians identify Spanish as the primary language spoken at home (ACS 2007).

Multiple universities and colleges within the University System of Georgia (USG) offer summer and semester-long study abroad programs in Argentina, including the Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia State University, and the University of Georgia. In the academic year of 2007-2008, 248 USG students received a degree in Spanish language/literature and/or education.

The Tellus Museum, in Cartersville, Georgia, will open in 2009 featuring unique rocks and minerals from Argentina, including other interesting natural resource facts of the country.

