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GEORGIA-COSTA RICA CONNECTION

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GOVERNMENT & COMMERCE



Georgia is home to a Consulate General of the Republic of Costa Rica led by Consul General Manuel Dobles. The consulate, located in Atlanta, has jurisdiction over Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

TRADE RELATIONSHIP



Georgia ranked 6th among states exporting to Costa Rica in 2008 and led in exports of paper and paperboard, woodpulp, textile floor coverings, cocoa, and live animals. Georgia ranked 2nd among states in photographic and cinematographic goods and sugars and 3rd in exports of miscellaneous chemical products; miscellaneous edible preparations; miscellaneous food; food and animal waste; and salt, sulfur, earth, and stone. Georgia exported a total of more than \$183 million worth of goods to Costa Rica in 2008, an increase of 18.8%.



The Port Authority of Savannah ranked 10th among port authorities importing goods from Costa Rica in 2008. Top imports included rubber; woven apparel; stone, plaster, cement, etc; optics and medical instruments; and fish and seafood. The Port Authority imported nearly \$41 million worth of goods from Costa Rica in 2008.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Georgia companies with operations in Costa Rica include:

Cajun Operating Company
The Coca-Cola Company
Delta Air Lines Inc.
Hooters of America Inc.
UPS Supply Chain Solutions

TRANSPORTATION

Delta offers daily direct flights to Liberia and San Jose, Costa Rica.

Container ports in Costa Rica include Puerto de Caldera, Puerto Limon, and Puerto Moin.



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COMMUNITY & EDUCATION

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, over 597,000 Georgians primarily speak Spanish at home, and 7.4% of Georgians identify themselves as Hispanic or of Latino origin.

The University System of Georgia boasted 45 Costa Rican students enrolled in the Fall 2007 semester. In 2006, 217 degrees in Spanish were awarded and over 18,000 college students took a course in Spanish in the fall of that year, increasing from just fewer than 9,000 in 1996. The University System of Georgia offers 18 study abroad programs to Costa Rica.



The University of Georgia has a 160 acre satellite campus in San Luis de Monteverde, Costa Rica, where it offers classes in a variety of fields ranging from ecology to business. In May of 2009, 12 students went to Costa Rica to present research projects as part of an international undergraduate research symposium.



Georgia Institute of Technology opened its newest Trade-chain Innovation and Productivity (TIP) Center in Costa Rica in March 2009. Their goal is to utilize research, innovation, and education to increase trade across borders and make existing trade more productive.

