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Georgia - Ecuador Connection

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GOVERNMENT & COMMERCE

Atlanta is the home of the Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Ecuador. Ms. Patricia Elena Boezio serves as the Honorary Consul. The Consulate serves the states of Georgia and South Carolina.

In 2006, the Georgia Department of Economic Development led a trade mission to Ecuador to explore tourism and business opportunities between the two countries. The delegation included GDEcD Commissioner Craig Lesser, Hemisphere Inc. Executive Director Jose Ignacio Gonzalez, Ecuadorian Honorary Consul Patricia Boezio and Ecuador native Alex Mejia, Hemisphere Inc.'s vice president of government relations.

Ecuador's Vice President, Alejandro Serrano also led a delegation to Atlanta in 2006 to enhance ties between Georgia and Ecuador.

TRADE RELATIONSHIP

In 2009, Ecuador ranked 53rd among Georgia's export destinations with exports totaling more than \$82.6 million. Georgia ranked 5th among U.S. states in exports to Ecuador. Georgia led among states in exports of Semi-finished Products of Iron or Non-alloy Steel, toilet and cigarette paper, wood pulp, kaolin, tires, and plastics. Georgia ranked 2nd in exporting Automatic Data Process Machines, newsprint, and Electric Sound Or Visual Signaling Apparatus, and the state ranked 3rd in exporting tractors, motorcycles, and electrical apparatus.

In 2009 Ecuador ranked 55th among countries from which Georgia imports goods; our state ranked 8th among U.S. states receiving imports from Ecuador with imports totaling close to \$62.6 million. Top imports included: mineral fuels/oils, meat/fish, ceramic products, and fruit.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Georgia Companies with operations in Ecuador:

CIBA VISION CORPORATION

The Coca-Cola Company

UPS Supply Chain Solutions

TRANSPORTATION

Delta offers daily direct flights to Quito. Delta also offers frequent flights to Guayaquil. American Airlines also offers flights to Quito via Miami.

Container ports in Ecuador include Guayaquil as well as Manta.

COMMUNITY & EDUCATION

The University System of Georgia offers six study abroad programs in Ecuador, many of which take place on the Galapagos Islands.

Georgia Institute of Technology sponsors an Urban Design Growth Management program which takes place in Samboronden, Ecuador.

