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Georgia-France Connection

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GOVERNMENT & COMMERCE



Atlanta is home to one of the ten General Consulates of France in the United States. The Atlanta office, established in 1989, serves 6 southeastern states: Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. The Atlanta office includes the French Trade Commission. Dr. Pascal Le Deunff serves as both Consul General of France and the French Trade Commissioner in Atlanta.

The Georgia Department of Economic Development's European office, managed by Antje Abshoff, represents Georgia's business interests in France.



The Atlanta Chapter of the French American Chamber of Commerce was established in 1985 to promote and assist the French business community. Michele Oliveres serves as President.

Each year, the French American Chamber of Commerce (FACC) in Atlanta hosts the Crystal Peach Awards. These awards recognize significant investment in France by American companies and outstanding investment in Georgia by French companies. In 2009, the FACC held the 5th annual ceremony in February; Georgia companies GE Energy, General Electric Co., and Alstom SA were honored.

TRADE RELATIONSHIP



France ranks 13th among Georgia's export destinations. In 2008, Georgia exported over \$500 million worth of goods to France, an 8% increase from the previous year. Top exports from Georgia to France include machinery, pharmaceutical products, vehicles, aircraft, and organic chemicals. In 2008, exports of art and antiques to France increased 257% from 2007.

The Savannah district ports ranks 5th among U.S. ports receiving imports from France. In 2008, imports of French goods into the Savannah Customs District grew by 48% from the previous year to \$2.5 billion. Top imports from France include pharmaceutical products; industrial machinery; art and antiques; aircraft; beverages; and mineral fuel and oils.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Selected Georgia companies with operations in France:

Acuity Brands Inc.
AGCO Corp.
AIR2WEB Inc.
American Software Inc.
Arel Communications
Coca-Cola Company
Concurrent Computer Corp.
Crawford & Company
Delta Air Lines
Euramax International
Georgia Pacific Corp.
Indus International
Infor Global Solutions
Intercontinental Hotels
InterfaceFlor Inc.
Internet Security Solutions
Invesco
Kawneer Co. Inc.

Kurt Salmon Associates
Logility Inc.
Manhattan Associates Inc.
Micrometrics Instrument Corporation
Newell Rubbermaid
Optio Software Inc.
Paul Hastings
PRG Schultz International Inc.
Recall Corporation
Russell Corporation
Schweitzer Mauduit International Inc.
Scientific Atlanta
Superior Essex Inc.
Swift Galey
UPS
UPS Supply Chain Solutions
Ventyx
WEG Electric Motors Corporation
Zep Manufacturing Company



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French affiliated Companies with facilities in Georgia:



ACS Transportation
Adisseo North America Inc.
AL Welding Supply
Agrimar Corp.
Air France
Air Liquide America Corp.
Alcatel Contracting NA
Allenberg Cotton Co.
Alstom Power
American International Group Global
American Superba Inc.
AOS-USA, Inc.
Areva NP Inc.
Atlanta Improvement Co.
Aventis Pasteur, Inc.
Aventis SA (Aventis Crop Science)
AXA Group
AXA Financial Inc.
Bekaert NCD USA
Bostik, Inc.
Briot USA, Inc.
Bull HN Information Systems Inc.
CEGELEC Automation, Inc.
Cap Gemini America
Cermex Inc.
CertainTeed Corp.
Imaje USA
Imerys
Ingenico Corporation
J & L Specialty Steel Inc.
Juno Lighting
KT Clay Co.
Lacoste Inc.
Lafarge Materials
La Madeleine Wildwood
Lafarge
Lafarge Aggregates
Lafarge Cement
Lafarge Materials
Lafarge Ready Mix
Lazard Freres and Company
Lectra Systems, Inc
Ligne Roset USA Corp.
L'Occitane, Inc.
Logfret Inc.
Lorraine Development Corporation
Louis Vuitton
MGP Instruments, Inc.
MAPED USA, Inc.
Manning, Selvage & Lee, Inc.
Mariner Menswear International
Merial Limited
Meyer Decorative Surfaces

Chemtall Incorporated
Cintas Corporation
CMA-CGM America Inc.
Concorde Hotels
Danfoss Maneurop Ltd.
Dassault Falcon Jet Inc.
Dickson Coatings USA Inc.
Dry Branch Kaolin Co.
EPI De France Bakery
EADS ARC Inc.
Equant Network Services
Equant Inc.
Equitable Real Estate Management
ERAI
Euro RSCG 4D Impact
Evans Clay Company
FloQuip Engineering
Francois & Company
G2I Inc.
Georgia Marble Company
Goemar International Corporation
Grange Furniture Inc.
Gravograph New Hermes
Hafner USA
Heim Data Systems
Illicom USA LLC
Parex, Incorporated
Relay Sponsorship and Event Marketing Inc.
Rexam Beverage Can
Rhodia, Inc
Rhone Poulenc, Inc.
RocTool USA
SITA
SDV USA Inc.
SGD North America
SNF Holding Co.
SNR Bearings
Saft America Inc.
Saint-Gobain Desjoquieres, Inc.
Sanofi Aventis
Satimo Incorporated
Schlumberger Sema
Sephora
Serdi Corporation
Sidel Inc.
SIMULIA
Socata Aircraft LLC
Solving International LLC
Somex Inc.
Soprema Inc.
Southern Optical Inc.
Sovis North America
Square D Company



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Michelin North America
Monier Lifetile Inc.
Moroch & Associates, Inc.
Mullite Company of America
Muskin Leisure Products, Inc.
NCF Manufacturing Inc.
National Cement Company of Alabama
Neopost
Netra Systems USA Inc.
NTS, Inc.
Odice, Inc.
Onity Inc.
Orange Business Services

Techpap Inc.
Thomson Broadcast & Media Solutions
TMP Worldwide
Tread Technologies Co.
Trindel America Corp.
Tugalo Division, Sloan Construction Co.
Veolia ES Pecan Landfill LLC
Veolia ES Solid Waste Southeast Inc.
VITEC Multimedia Inc.
Vivendi Water Technology
Weber Aircraft LP
Wheelabrator Abrasives Inc.



TRANSPORTATION

Delta Air Lines and Air France offer daily non-stop service between Atlanta and Paris.

France-based ocean carriers CMA-CGM and Marfret sail weekly from the Port of Savannah.



COMMUNITY & EDUCATION

There are approximately 4,000 members of the French Community in Georgia (U.S. Census Bureau: 2006 American Community Survey).

The colleges and universities within the University System of Georgia offer 25 study abroad or semester exchange programs in France. Additionally, Georgia State University, University of Georgia, and Kennesaw State University have academic partnerships with French institutions. The Georgia Institute of Technology's only satellite campus in Europe is located in Metz, France, (Georgia Tech Lorraine) where Study Abroad programs are offered for undergraduate and graduate students. The Georgia Tech Lorraine campus also houses a joint research laboratory, GTL-CNRS Telecom, between the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) and Georgia Tech.

The L'Alliance Française of Atlanta, Atlanta Accueil, Association Ensemble, the cultural chapter of the French Consulate General, and the French-American Chamber of Commerce offers community development and educational programs for the Francophone and Francophile audience in Georgia.

Three Georgia cities have sister-cities in France: Atlanta with Toulouse; Augusta with Biarritz; and Macon with Mâcon.

High-level diplomats, city delegations and more than a hundred companies will represent France at the 2009 BIO International Convention in Atlanta May 2009.

