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Georgia-Canada Connection

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GOVERNMENT & COMMERCE

Atlanta hosts one of the 20 Canadian diplomatic offices located in the United States, and it was established in 1973. The role of the Canadian Consulate in Atlanta is to promote trade and investment links, including science and technology partnering. The Consulate also works to advance academic and cultural ties between Canada and the U.S., and assists Canadians living and visiting the southeastern U.S. The territory covered by this Consulate General includes six southeastern states -- Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Mr. Brian Oak has served as Consul General since 2006.

Georgia is also host to the Quebec Trade & Investment Office, and the Canadian-American Society of the Southeast U.S., a bi-national business association. These are active institutions with wide support from Canadians as well as local executives. The office is headed by Ginette Chenard.

Georgia has had representation in Canada since 1981. The office, located in Toronto, is managed by Maria Arbulu and serves Georgia's economic development interests, including trade, tourism, film, and investment recruitment. The Georgia Department of Economic Development launched a renewed Canada emphasis in 2004 with an initiative aimed at building awareness in Canada of opportunities in Georgia. The initiative includes a stronger business recruiting emphasis on Canadian companies, special programs for Canadian visitors at Georgia's visitor centers, and increasing Georgia's visibility at Canadian trade shows.

Governor Sonny Perdue will lead a delegation to St. Johns Newfoundland, for the Southeastern United States-Canada Alliance (SEUS-Canada) in July 2009. SEUS-Canada is a public-private organization formed to enhance economic development between the two regions. The city of Savannah, Georgia, held the SEUS-Canadian Provinces Alliance Conference, in June 2008.

TRADE RELATIONSHIP

Canada is Georgia's top export partner, ranking first among Georgia's export destinations. Georgia's 2008 exports to Canada totaled \$4.8 billion, a 9% increase from 2007. Georgia's top exports to Canada include: machinery, transportation equipment, textiles, plastic, and paper goods.

Georgia's imports from Canada through the Savannah Customs District totaled \$207 million in 2008. Georgia's top imports from Canada include mineral fuel & oil, aircraft, ores, salt; sulfur; earth; stone, and machinery.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Georgia Companies with operations in Canada:

Aaron Rents Inc.
Acuity Brands Inc.
AFC Enterprises
Afterburner Seminars Inc.
AGCO Corporation
Aloette Cosmetics Inc.
Avondale Incorporated
Brand Energy & Infrastructure Services
Bway Holding Corporation
Cajun Operating Company
Carastar Industries Inc.
The Coca-Cola Company

Connolly Consulting Inc.
Consolidated Container Co. LLC
Convergent Media Systems Corporation
Cooper Wiring Devices Inc.
Crawford & Company
Delta Air Lines Inc.
EBIX Inc.
EIS Inc.
EMS Technologies
Equifax Inc.
Firearm Training Systems Inc.
Genuine Parts Company



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Georgia Gulf Corporation
Georgia-Pacific Corporation
Geosyntec Consultants Inc.
GIW Industries Inc.
Global Payments Inc.
Graphic Packaging Corporation
Great Dane Limited Partnership
The Home Depot Inc.
Hooters of America Inc.
Immuco Inc.
Infor Global Solutions
InterContinental Exchange Inc.
Interface Inc.
Internet Security Systems
Invesco PLC
Lanier Worldwide Inc.
Newell Rubbermaid Inc.
Nova Information Systems Inc.
Novelis Inc.
Nth Degree Inc.
Premier Global Services Inc.
PRG-Schultz International Inc.
Propex Fabrics Inc.
Quickcrete Companies
Recall Corporation

Riverside Manufacturing Company
Rock-Tenn Company
Rollins Inc.
Ross Systems Inc.
Russell Corporation
Schweitzer-Mauduit International Inc.
Scientific-Atlanta Inc.
Small Biz Pros Inc.
S.P. Richards
Spectrum Brands Inc.
Superior Essex Inc.
Tandus Group Inc.
TDS Logistics Inc.
Textile Rubber & Chemical Co. Inc.
Total Systems Service Inc.
Unisource Worldwide Inc.
United Parcel Service Inc.
UPS Supply Chain Solutions
Vector Networks Inc.
Ventyx
Verso Technologies Inc.
Visiprise Inc.
Witness Systems Inc.
ZEP Manufacturing Company



Canada ranks among Georgia's top investors in jobs created, dollar amount of investment and number of facilities. Over 75 Canadian-owned company facilities are located in Georgia. According to the Canadian Consulate, 211,750 Georgia jobs are supported by Canadian- U.S. trade.

Canadian Companies with operations in Georgia:

Abitibowater Inc.
Actionfront Data Recovery Labs Inc.
Augusta Newsprint Company
Alcan Inc.
Alpha Pro Tech Ltd.
Aluma Enterprises Inc.
Ashton Woods Homes
Atlantic Turbines USA
Atlas Cold Storage
Bank Nova Scotia
Bioniche Life Sciences Inc.
Bombardier Transportation
Bonar Plastics
Brunette Industries Inc.
Cadillac Fairview US Properties Inc.
Canada Life Assurance Company
Canadian Standards Association
Castleberry's Food Company

CGI Group Inc.
CIBC World Markets
Cognos Incorporated
Comnetix Inc.
Conestoga-Rovers & Associates
Coreslab Structures Inc.
Cott Beverages
Cunningham Lindsey US Inc.
Cyberplex Systems Inc.
Dataradio Corporation
Datawire Communication Networks Inc.
Davey Tree & Lawn Care
DecoStar Industries
Dectron Inc.
Diamond Plastics
Digital Projection
Domtar International Inc.
Douglas Brothers of Georgia



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Dundee Management
DWL Software
Erco Worldwide
Equity One Realty and Management
Evans Consoles Inc.
Extensity/Infor
Fast Image
FellFab Corporation
Fletcher Martin LLC
Four Seasons Hotel
Frontier South
Future Electronics Inc.
GEAC Computer Group
Gerdau Ameristeel
GL&V USA Inc.
Global Group Worldwide
GO Plastics LLC
Golder Associates Inc.
Great Atlantic News LLC
Groupe Laperriere & Verreault Inc.
Harris Direct
Hood Packaging Corporation
Husky Injection Molding Systems
Imperial Parking Inc.
Insystems Corporation
International Absorbents Inc.
Ivanco Inc.
J-Squared Technologies Inc.
Jefferson Pilot Company
Jim Pattison Group
John Hancock Real Estate Finance
Kafko Manufacturing Inc.
Knoll Inc.
Kubra Data Transfer Ltd.
Leitch Technologies Corporation
LMI Technologies Inc.
Logistec USA Inc.
Maax Inc.
Manulife Real Estate
MDS Inc.
Medike LLC
Miranda Technologies Inc.
Mitel Networks Group
Moore Wallace
Nelson Granite
News Group Atlanta Inc.

Norbord Inc.
Nordic Engineered Wood
Nortel Network
Nurun Inc.
Nuvo Network Management
Oppenheimer Holdings Inc.
Pattison Sign Group
PCS Nitrogen
PBB Global Logistics
Pika Technologies Inc.
Polyair Packaging Inc.
Policor Inc.
Price Industries Inc.
QMI
Quebecor World Inc.
Rand Imaginit Technologies
RBC Centura Bank
RBC Financial Group
Richie Bros. Auctioneers Inc.
Samuel Manu-tech Inc.
Sandwell Inc.
SAP America Inc.
Select Media Services LLC
Shaw-Almex USA
Shred-It Atlanta
Softchoice Corporation
Spacecraft Company
Specialty Fixtures Inc.
StreetSmart LLC
Sun Life Financial
Swift Galey
Syntellect Ltd.
Teknion Corporation
Terfloth, B., and Company
Tractel Swingstage Ltd.
Transit TV
Trimac DSI Transports
Trojan Technologies
UAP Inc.
Visible Genetics Inc.
VK Brunette Inc.
West Fraser Inc.
Weyerhaeuser Inc.
William L. Bonnell Company
Winpak Films Inc.
Woodbridge Corporation

TRANSPORTATION

Delta Airlines offers daily direct flights from Atlanta to Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, and Vancouver.

Air Canada offers daily direct flights from Atlanta to Toronto.

Greyhound Lines, Inc. offers bus service from Atlanta to Montreal and Toronto.



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COMMUNITY & EDUCATION

The Canadian Women's Club of Atlanta was established in 1974 as a non-profit social club to provide a venue where women with a Canadian background could meet, chat, reminisce, and explore their new country.

Most colleges and universities in Georgia offer study abroad or student exchange programs through the University System of Georgia Study Abroad Program. USG institutions that have partnerships with Canadian Institutions include: Columbus State University, North Georgia College & State University, University of Georgia and University of West Georgia.

In May, the Québec Premier, Jean Charest, led a delegation of about 15 companies and organizations representing Québec's biotech sector to Bio International Convention 2009, which was held in Atlanta.

