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GEORGIA-UNITED ARAB EMIRATES CONNECTION

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GOVERNMENT & COMMERCE

Georgia is under the jurisdiction of the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates located in Washington D.C. and led by Ambassador Yousef Al Otaiba.

TRADE RELATIONSHIP

According to 2008 data, Georgia ranked 9th among states exporting to the United Arab Emirates. Georgia led U.S. states in exports of meat and textile floor coverings. Georgia was 2nd among states exporting aluminum; paper and paperboard; fats and oils; impregnated textile fabrics; live trees and plants; and prepared meat to the United Arab Emirates and 3rd in exporting miscellaneous grand; seed, and fruit; wood; and salt, sulfur, earth, and stone. Totalling nearly \$429 million in 2008, exports from Georgia increased 73% from 2007.

Georgia is ranked 8th among states receiving imports from the United Arab Emirates in 2008. Nearly \$60 million worth of goods were imported through the Port of Savannah Authority in 2008, an increase of 78% from 2007. Primary imports include: iron and steel products, manmade filament, knit apparel, woven apparel, and plastic.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Georgia companies with operations in the United Arab Emirates include:

AFC Enterprises, Inc.	King & Spalding LLP
Brand Energy & Infrastructure Svcs, Inc.	LXE Inc.
Cajun operating Company	Movius Interactive Corp.
Cox Enterprises, Inc.	Oxford Industries Inc.
Crawford & Company	Postilion
Easylink Services Corporation	S1 Corporation
ET3, LLC	Spectrum Brands Inc.
Exide Technologies	United Parcel Service Inc.
Infor Global Solutions	UPS Supply Chain Solutions
Intelligent Systems Corporation	WEG Electric Motors Corporation
Invesco PLC	

Landmark Aviation, a UAE firm, has an operation in Georgia.

Atlanta-based company ScanTech Holdings LLC closed a deal in June 2008 to provide X-ray inspection equipment to the Abu Dhabi Police for use in airport security.



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TRANSPORTATION



Delta currently offers daily direct flights from Atlanta to Dubai.

The Port of Savannah has 3 weekly shipments to Dubai and another shipment that leaves every 21 days. Savannah also has weekly shipments to Khorfakkan.

COMMUNITY & EDUCATION



In the 2000 Census more than 14,700 people living in Georgia defined themselves as Arab, and over 26,240 Georgians claimed to have Arab ancestry in a 2006 U.S. Census poll.

Enrollment in Arabic language classes at the university level in Georgia in the fall of 2006 totaled 331 students. Courses in Arabic are offered at Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia State University, University of Georgia and Savannah State University.



Georgia State University held a workshop for university level professors on how to teach about the Middle East from October 10-12, 2008.

In the fall of 2007, 16 students from the United Arab Emirates were enrolled in the University System of Georgia.

