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Governor Sonny Perdue  
The Office of the Governor  
State of Georgia  
203 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Governor Perdue:

Congratulations! According to the results of an *Area Development* survey of leading site consultants, **Georgia** has been named among the **top-10 states** for eight key site selection criteria.

We asked a select group of consultants to name their "top picks" in each of the following eight categories:

1. Lowest business costs
2. Most business friendly
3. Corporate tax environment
4. Overall labor climate
5. Work force development programs
6. Fast-track permitting
7. Rail and highway accessibility
8. Shovel-ready sites

**Georgia** actually received the **#5 ranking overall** meeting key location requirements. It was also the consultants' top choice in the **work force development** category, and among their top-five picks in the **overall labor climate** and **shovel-ready sites** categories.

The complete results of this new survey will be published in the next issue of *Area Development* (scheduled to mail in mid-September) and posted online at [www.areadevelopment.com](http://www.areadevelopment.com). Additionally, the results will be presented in comparison to those of highly valued surveys conducted by CNBC, *Forbes*, and *Inc.* among others.

Let me once again congratulate you on receiving this recognition.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Geraldine Gambale". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Geraldine Gambale  
Editor

cc: Commissioner Kenneth C. Stewart  
Kimberly Knight, Marketing & Communications  
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