GEORGIA – CZECH REPUBLIC

Economic Development Connection

Government & Commerce

The Embassy of the Czech Republic, located in Washington, D.C. serves 14 U.S. states, including Georgia. Petr Gandalovič has served as Ambassador to the United States since May 2011.

Atlanta is home to the Honorary Consulate of the Czech Republic. George Novak has served as Honorary Consul General since 1992.

The Czech-North American Chamber of Commerce has an active regional office in Atlanta. The chamber focuses on the coordination and promotion of Czech culture in North America. Lubomir Novotny serves as the executive director.

In October 2014, GDEcD and the Metro Atlanta Chamber led a small business trade mission to the Czech Republic and Poland where five Georgia companies participated in pre-qualified one-on-one appointments. Honorary Consul General George Novak attended.

In October 2012, a Georgia delegation traveled to the Czech Republic to promote investment, trade and tourism between the Czech Republic and Georgia.

In 2007, former Governor Sonny Perdue led an economic development and diplomatic mission to Europe. The mission visited six countries, including the Czech Republic.

The state of Georgia has had continuous representation in Europe since 1973. Since that time the office has assisted hundreds of European firms locating in Georgia and Georgia companies exporting to Europe. Antje Abshoff serves as managing director.

Five universities in the state of Georgia offer at least ten different study abroad programs to the Czech Republic, including a program on how to do business in a transitional economy and programs in international affairs and politics.

Trade Relationship

EXPORTS: In 2014, Georgia exports to the Czech Republic totaled $41.2 million. The Czech Republic is the 84th largest export market in the world for Georgia.

Top exports from Georgia to the Czech Republic include: agricultural machinery, wood pulp, optical fibers, internal combustion piston engines, sound recording media and electrical circuits.

Georgia leads the country in exporting the following goods to the Czech Republic: carpets and other textile coverings and containers for compressed or liquefied gas.
IMPORTS: In 2014, Georgia’s imports from the Czech Republic totaled $208.5 million, a 5.2% increase from the previous year. The Czech Republic ranks 37th among Georgia’s top importer nations.

Georgia’s top import products from the Czech Republic include: bulldozers, cameras, rubber tires and vehicle parts.

Capital Investment

At least 16 Georgia companies have operations in the Czech Republic, including:

- AGCO Corporation
- Crawford & Company
- First Data Corporation
- Fleetcor Technologies
- Global Payments
- Hooters of America
- Invesco, LTD.
- NCR Corporation
- PrimeRevenue
- Tensar Corporation
- The Coca-Cola Company
- Travelport, LP
- UPS
- UPS Supply Chain Solutions

There is at least one Czech facility with operations in Georgia. Zoner Inc. is a software manufacturer located in Kennesaw. More information can be found at insite.georgia.org.

Transportation

Delta Air Lines offers daily service from Atlanta to Prague via Paris or Amsterdam.

About GDEcD

The Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) is the state’s sales and marketing arm, the lead agency for attracting new business investment, encouraging the expansion of existing industry and small businesses, aligning workforce education and training with in-demand jobs, locating new markets for Georgia products, attracting tourists to Georgia, and promoting the state as a destination for arts and location for film, music and digital entertainment projects, as well as planning and mobilizing state resources for economic development.

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