Government & Commerce

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

Atlanta is home to the Honorary Consulate of the Czech Republic. Mr. 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. Mr. Lubomír Novotný serves as the executive director.

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 included six countries, as well as 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. Ms. Antje Abshoff serves as managing director.

Five universities in the state of Georgia offer 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 2012, Georgia exports to the Czech Republic totaled $5 million. The Czech Republic is the 86th largest export market in the world for Georgia.

Top exports from Georgia to the Czech Republic include: chemical woodpulp, fiber optic cables, internal combustion engines and civilian aircraft parts.

Georgia leads the country in exporting the following goods to the Czech Republic: twine and rope (2nd), articles of iron and steel (2nd) and wood pulp (3rd).

IMPORTS: In 2012, Georgia’s imports from the Czech Republic totaled $164 million, a 2% increase from the previous year. The Czech Republic ranks 45th among Georgia’s top importer nations.

Georgia’s top import products from the Czech Republic include: video cameras, motor vehicle engines and parts, and sewing machines.
Capital Investment

At least 17 Georgia companies have operations in the Czech Republic, including:

- AGC Flat Glass North America
- AGCO Corporation
- First Data Corporation
- Fleetcor Technologies
- Global Payments
- Havells USA
- Hooters of America
- Infor Global Solutions
- Invesco, LTD.
- Primerevenue, Inc.
- Radiant Systems
- Redprairie Corporation
- Tensar Corporation
- The Coca-Cola Company
- Travelport, LP
- United Parcel Service
- UPS Supply Chain Solutions

There are currently two Czech facilities with operations in Georgia, one of which is a manufacturing location. More information can be found at www.georgiafacts.org.

Transportation

Delta Air Lines offers daily service from Atlanta to Prague via Amsterdam, New York and Paris.

About GDEcD

The Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) plans, manages and mobilizes state resources to attract new business investment to Georgia, drive the expansion of existing industry and small business, locate new markets for Georgia products, inspire tourists to visit Georgia, and promote the state as a top destination for arts events and film, music and digital entertainment projects. Visit www.georgia.org.

GDEcD's Economic Development Representative in Europe

Ms. Antje Abshoff
Managing Director
State of Georgia – Europe
Im Amerika Haus, Karolinenplatz 3
80333 Munich – GERMANY
T: +49 (0) 89.517.027.40
aabshoff@georgia.org

*Information valid as of April 2013