

of Technology and logistics-related programs at 10 additional Georgia colleges. In addition, the state hosts active local chapters of several professional organizations including the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals (CSCMP), the Warehousing Education and Research Council and the Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE).

By forging relationships between business pioneers, technology innovators, university researchers and state and federal leaders, the Maritime Logistics Innovation Center (MLIC) in Savannah connects problem holders and problem solvers. More than a think tank, MLIC creates an industry-driven environment for idea generation and solution discovery – benefiting individual companies as well as the entire logistics industry. MLIC’s environment is designed to progress the momentum of strong, pioneering companies and offer them a broad background of knowledge and resources in the issues facing the maritime and logistics industries today.

Georgia’s unparalleled logistics infrastructure not only saves companies time and money, but also provides a solid backbone for competing in an increasingly global economy. ■



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For success in today’s fast-paced marketplace, Georgia’s unsurpassed logistics and transportation network enables companies to move products quickly and efficiently. This infrastructure, combined with the state’s geographic advantage, has resulted in Georgia becoming a regional center for many companies to not only serve the Southeastern United States, but also the Americas, Europe, and Asia.

The core of this success is accessibility provided by Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, world-class port facilities and outstanding road infrastructure. This success is recognized nationally as Georgia is consistently ranked as one of the



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top logistics hubs in the United States by several organizations including Harvard University and *Expansion Management* magazine. Georgia cities and metro areas, including Savannah and Atlanta, are also highly rated for being logistics-friendly.

*By air:* Eighty percent of the U.S. market, as well as some markets in Canada and Latin America, are within a two-hour flight of Georgia thanks to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Ranked among the world’s busiest airports in passenger volume and flight operations, approximately 85 million passengers pass through its doors on more than 975,000 flights each year.





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Hartsfield-Jackson is also a leading air cargo center, handling hundreds of thousands of tons (tenth busiest airport in the country for cargo shipments in 2005) of goods each year via 16 all-cargo carriers. Georgia is also served by eight regional airports, 106 public-use airports, 238 private-use airports, 115 private-use heliports and six military airports located throughout the state.

*By sea:* Georgia's two deepwater ports at Brunswick and Savannah, combined with inland barge operations in Bainbridge and Columbus, accelerate the pace of commerce. Operated by the Georgia Ports Authority (GPA), the ports are among the largest in the country. The Port of Savannah, the largest single-terminal container facility of its kind on the U.S. east and Gulf coasts, was the nation's fastest growing port between 2000 and 2005. Its compound annual growth rate of 16.5% over this period outpaced Charleston, Norfolk, New York, Houston, Los Angeles and Seattle/Tacoma. The Port of Brunswick is ranked the sixth largest auto port

in the nation, handling more than 368,000 units of automobiles and machinery in 2006.

Protecting Georgia's ports and port facilities is vital to their growth, as well as the continued growth of Georgia's economy. As a testimony to the investment and attention given to protecting GPA's statewide terminal operations, Georgia's ports today rank among the most secure deepwater and inland barge operations in the world.

*By road and rail:* More than 80 percent of the U.S. industrial market is within a two-day truck haul from Georgia. The state's 1,244 miles of interstate highways link businesses to neighboring states and beyond. The state is served by 15 interstate highways, ranking Georgia eighth in the U.S. in the number of such superhighways. In addition, CSX Transportation and Norfolk Southern Corporation maintain a 4,700-mile network of railroad tracks, the largest in the Southeast.



As a major distribution hub, Georgia is home to more than 200 warehouse facilities of more than 100,000 square feet. Major consumer- and industry-oriented retailers and suppliers own or lease dedicated warehouse facilities in the state. Of the top 100 third-party logistics providers (3PLs) listed by *Inbound Logistics*, 50 have at least one Georgia location. In addition, Atlanta's more than 400 million square feet of warehouse/distribution space inventory ranks fourth in size among all U.S. metro areas. UPS, the world's largest package delivery company and a leading global provider of specialized transportation and logistics services, is also headquartered in



Atlanta. The company's extensive network manages the flow of goods, funds and information in more than 200 countries and territories.

Georgia's industry support services include the headquarters of a number of software development companies specializing in logistics. Drawing on Atlanta's high-tech talent and resources, several of these companies have grown from start-ups to major public firms, such as Atlanta-based Logility. Educational and professional services bolstering the industry are found at the world-renowned Supply Chain and Logistics Institute at the Georgia Institute