



## **Houston and Peach Counties: *Business Legislative Agenda 2014***

The combined membership of the Chambers of Commerce for Peach County, the Perry Area, and Robins Regional have identified three key areas that are vital for continued economic growth and success within the region.

### ***Robins Air Force Base***

We **SUPPORT** legislation and/or funding to:

- ◆ Enable the community to prepare for inevitable Base Realignment and Closure process
- ◆ Advocate for the repeal of the sequestration as mandated by the federal Budget Control Act of 2011
- ◆ Facilitate improved access to the proposed Veterans Gateway Center in Warner Robins through the construction of a road which would connect Wall Street across the railroad to Highway 247

### ***Economic Development***

We **SUPPORT** legislation and/or funding to:

- ◆ Restore funding to support Science Technology Engineering & Math (STEM) programming at the Georgia Museum of Aviation.
- ◆ Ensure that public education programs are fully funded at the system level.
- ◆ Authorize tax credits and business incentives as contained in Georgia's Business Incentive programs, *Downtown Renaissance Act*, and *QuickStart* program.
- ◆ Increase infrastructure capacity and access to transportation alternatives throughout the Middle Georgia region.
- ◆ Sustain and reinforce current healthcare *Certificate of Need* (CON) laws.
- ◆ Develop arts, entertainment, sports and cultural venues to stimulate job creation and enhance regional tourism product development.
- ◆ Restore the Georgia State Co-op Marketing Grant program allowing individual Destination Marketing Organizations to obtain funds to support local tourism promotions.

### ***Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter***

We **SUPPORT** legislation and/or funding to:

- ◆ Enhance and extend the longevity of the Georgia National Fairgrounds (GNFA) & Agricenter through infrastructure improvements throughout the GNFA complex
- ◆ Improve the visitor experience and enhance economic impact of GNFA by maintaining annual state funding at current or increased levels

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