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## **Dublin-Laurens County Development Authority and local officials to host the Georgia Department of Economic Development's international representatives**

*International representatives from 11 key markets to explore the culture and economy of Dublin-Laurens County*

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**Dublin, Ga – March 4, 2015** – Dublin-Laurens County will host the Georgia Department of Economic Development's international representatives today to showcase tourism, economic development and international trade opportunities in the region.

"With companies in nearly every county in Georgia engaged in international trade, it's clear that exports are crucial to economic development," said Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDECD) Commissioner Chris Carr. "The international representatives' visit not only provides a significant opportunity for Georgia companies to meet with professionals who specialize in international trade and investment within key markets, but also provides international trade representatives with a unique perspective of Georgia's export offerings."

The state has international representation in 11 strategic markets, including Brazil, Canada, China, Chile, Colombia, Europe, Israel, Japan, Korea, Mexico and the United Kingdom and Ireland.

Georgia's international representatives visit the state of Georgia every year to meet with companies who are interested in international trade and explore international trade, tourism and economic development opportunities in the state. The international representatives attended the Go Global reception, where 44 Georgia companies were recognized with a GLOBE (Georgia Launching Opportunities By Exporting) Award for entering a new international market in 2014.

"Dublin is proud to host the international team from the Georgia Department of Economic Development today," said Mayor Phil Best. "The Department has been a tremendous partner of ours in helping our local economic development team locate a number of international manufacturers that have all added to our local economy, to our quality of life, and to the rich and diverse culture in

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Middle Georgia. Our community is grateful for the great job Georgia does attracting international investment.”

Use #GAIntReps to promote the international representatives in your area on social media!

## **About the International Trade division**

The Georgia Department of Economic Development’s International Trade division, with the support of international representatives in 11 key global markets, provides free export services and assistance to Georgia companies. Georgia companies who have entered into a new international market in 2014 will be recognized with a GLOBE (Georgia Launching Opportunities By Exporting) Award on March 2 at the Go Global reception, an annual networking event for the state’s international representatives. For more information or Go Global reception details, visit [Georgia.org/Trade](http://Georgia.org/Trade).

## **About DLCDA**

The Dublin-Laurens County Development Authority is a publicly funded economic development organization with the mission of providing industrial recruitment efforts, and promoting and supporting existing industries in Dublin-Laurens County. Over the past five years, the DLCDA has participated in the creation of over 947 new jobs with a corresponding capital investment of \$183 million. The Authority has also assisted with key expansions with a number of existing industries. The DLCDA Board consists of Dr. Fred Williams, Chairman; Roger Folsom, Vice-Chairman; Phil Gay, Secretary/Treasurer; Jimmy Allgood, Scott Beasley, Guy Cochran, and James Malone.

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