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Site Selection magazine names its Best to Invest Top US Economic Development Groups of 2014

Atlanta, May 4, 2015: Site Selection magazine has named its Top US Economic Development Groups of 2014 as part of the magazine's annual Best to Invest rankings. Local economic development groups were first ranked according to four objective categories: new jobs, new jobs per 10,000 residents, new investment amount and new investment per 10,000 residents. Additional criteria included the creativity of economic development strategy; scope of project activity; and documenting link between the economic development organization and actual results. The rankings include the top ten metropolitan groups and honorable mentions, and the top 20 micropolitan groups.

"This year's Top US Economic Development Groups are recognized for their ability to leverage their community's assets to reach new markets while making sure existing industries have what they need to thrive," says Patty Rasmussen, senior editor at Site Selection magazine, who authored the Top Groups report. "As we talked with corporate executives looking to relocate or expand, we found that they're looking for more than incentives or inexpensive land. Livability is an important differentiator and communities that invest in quality of life infrastructure are seeing that investment pay off."

Site Selection magazine, published by Conway, Inc. since 1954, delivers expansion planning information to 48,000 subscribers, many of them employed by fast-growing firms. Site Selection is also available online (www.siteselection.com). Site Selection's growing family of e-newsletters includes the weekly Site Selection Dispatch; The Site Selection Energy Report; The Site Selection Life Sciences Report (monthlies); Site Selection International and The Site Selection Aerospace Report (bimonthlies); and The FDI Report from Conway Events.

Conway, Inc., is an international publishing, consulting, association management and events company headquartered in Atlanta. The firm manages the Industrial Asset Management Council, the Global FDI Association and organizes the annual World Forum for Foreign Direct Investment. Conway also owns and manages Conway Events, a London-based events firm focused on foreign direct investment and global corporate location trends; Berlin, Germany-based Conway Advisory, managed by Terrain Global, a site selection consulting firm specializing in foreign direct investment; and New York-based Conway PR & Marketing, an international public relations and marketing agency specializing in economic development, inward investment trade and macro-tourism.

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Top Groups

Charlotte Regional Partnership
Charlotte Chamber of Commerce
Charlotte, N.C.

Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce
Chattanooga, Tenn.

World Business Chicago
Chicago, Ill.

REDI Cincinnati
Cincinnati, Ohio

Greater Houston Partnership
Houston, Texas

Louisville Forward
Louisville, Ky.

Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce
Nashville, Tenn.

Pittsburgh Regional Alliance
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Greater Richmond Partnership
Richmond, Va.

Economic Futures Group of Spartanburg
Spartanburg, S.C.

Top Groups Honorable Mention

Buffalo Niagara Enterprise (N.Y.)

Columbus 2020 (Ohio)

Greater New Orleans, Inc. (La.)

Greater Portland Inc. (Ore.-Wash.)

Indy Chamber (Ind.)

KC Area Development Council (Kan.-Mo.)

Metro Atlanta Chamber (Ga.)

Select Greater Philadelphia (Penn.-N.J.-Del.-Md.)

Washington, DC Economic Partnership

Wayne County Economic Development Growth Engine (Detroit, Mich.)

Top Micropolitan Groups of the Year

Americus Sumter County Chamber of Commerce; Americus,
Ga.

Cleveland County Economic Development Partnership; Shelby, N.C.

Community Development Foundation; Tupelo, Miss.

Cullman Economic Development Agency; Cullman, Ala.

The Development Corporation; Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Dublin-Laurens County Development Authority; Dublin, Ga.

Dyersburg/Dyer County Chamber of Commerce; Dyersburg, Tenn.

Findlay-Hancock County Economic Development; Findlay, Ohio

Grant County Economic Development Council; Moses Lake, Wash.

Greater Burlington Partnership; Burlington, Iowa

Jackson County Area Chamber of Commerce; Jefferson, Ga.
Kosciusko Economic Development Corporation; Warsaw, Ind.
The City of LaGrange Economic Development Office; LaGrange, Ga.
Lee County Economic Development; Sanford, N.C.
Nelson County Economic Development Agency; Bardstown,
Ky.
Norwalk Economic Development Corporation; Norwalk, Ohio
Oconee Economic Alliance; Seneca, S.C.
Putnam County Chamber of Commerce; Cookeville, Tenn.
Wayne Economic Development Council; Wooster, Ohio
Wilson Economic Development Council; Wilson, N.C.