

The University of Alabama  
Center for Economic  
Development

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## Community Development

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### **ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONS OF ALABAMA (ACCA)**

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The Association of County Commissions of Alabama has worked to promote quality county government and improved services to Alabama's residents each year. The Association works with leaders of the executive branch as well as the Legislature to promote the interests of county government. The Association sponsors the Alabama Local Government Training Institute and educational programs for county administrative personnel, county engineers, county attorneys, and county revenue officers.

### **ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS (AARC)**

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The Alabama Association of Regional Councils is composed of twelve regional councils. The regional councils provide services to local governments, such as securing grant and loan assistance for community projects and services. The range of services for funding goes beyond writing a grant application. In many cases, tasks include: Advising local governments on the type of project to undertake, providing information on the current availability of funds, providing statistical data, and managing compliance reporting. Regional councils routinely prepare applications for submission to the Appalachian Regional Commission; State of Alabama Community Development Block Grant Program; Economic Development Administration; Department of Housing and Urban Development; USDA- Rural Development; Environmental Protection Agency; and the Small Business Administration.

## **The Regional Councils**

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- Region 1, Northwest Alabama Council of Governments
- Region 2, West Alabama Regional Commission
- Region 3, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
- Region 4, East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
- Region 5, South Central Alabama Development Commission
- Region 6, Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission
- Region 7, Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
- Region 8, South Alabama Regional Planning Commission
- Region 9, Central Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission
- Region 10, Lee Russell Council of Governments
- Region 11, North Central Alabama Council of Governments
- Region 12, Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments

### **ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS**

The mission of the Alabama Association of RC&D is to accelerate the conservation, development, and utilization of natural resources; to improve the general level of economic activity; and to enhance the quality of life in Alabama. This association is an umbrella organization for the nine RC&D Councils, all 501-(c) 3 nonprofits that cover all 67 counties in the state. Each Council has a Board of Directors and adopts a plan of work for its area in cooperation with the USDA-NRCS and local partners. Alabama has nine RC&D Councils and a State Association which basically serves as an umbrella non-profit to assist all the individual Councils. Alabama RC&Ds are very fortunate to receive significant funds from the State. We have faced funding cuts but continue to receive support from the State. Alabama RC&D Councils depend on the leadership abilities and unique skills within the communities they serve. In essence, it is local people identifying their problems and opportunities and dealing with them, with a little help from the government and from others. That is why so many worthwhile projects have been undertaken and accomplished throughout the state. Another significant accomplishment of Alabama RC&Ds has been the rekindling of community spirit. There are so many ways to describe RC&D; but in Alabama we believe it is basically people doing things for other people. The nine Alabama RC&D Councils and the State Association are proud of their accomplishments; but believe there is much more that can be done to make our communities a better place to live, work, and play. They continue to be dedicated to protecting, enhancing, and developing the state's natural and human resources.

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The Alabama Cooperative Extension System, the land grant outreach arm of Alabama A&M and Auburn University, with Tuskegee University cooperating, provides: 1) technical and educational information to economic developers and leaders in forest dependent counties in preparing to develop, recruit and retain businesses and industries; 2) private landowner's information on managing woodlands for timber and wildlife production; and 3) public education on public policy options for natural resource management.

**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (ADECA)**

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Montgomery, AL 36103-5690  
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<http://adeca.alabama.gov/about/Pages/Funding-Opportunities.aspx>

Mr. Jim Byard, Jr., Director

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA)'s mission is to serve all Alabamians by effectively and efficiently utilizing resources in order to meet economic and community needs. ADECA is a one-stop center for grants/funding for projects/initiatives to make Alabama citizens lives & their communities better. ADECA provides information on planning, economic development, employment,

training and community services. Several community grants are routed through ADECA. A wide range of programs fall under the category of community and economic development, and they exist to improve Alabama communities in very specific ways. Some community needs addressed by Community Development Programs include providing clean water, paving the way for new jobs, eliminating health and safety hazards, and assisting minority-owned businesses. Through the Community Services Block Grant Program, Alabama residents of low-income are able to receive assistance with gaining employment, education and many other skills. ConnectingALABAMA promotes the expansion of high-speed internet service to help communities take full advantage of opportunities in economic development, health care, education and many other areas. The Recreation and Conservation Unit administers grants that fund walking trails, playgrounds and other outdoor areas that improve communities. The Appalachian Regional Commission has been working to improve lives, create new jobs, spur economic development, build roads and infrastructure, advance education and promote wellness in central and north Alabama since its establishment in 1965.

#### **OFFICE OF MINORITY DEVELOPMENT (ADECA)**

<http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/Divisions/ced/cdp/Pages/OMBE.aspx>

#### **ARC - BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN GRANT**

RLFs are designed to fill gaps in existing local financial markets and to provide or attract capital which otherwise would not be available for economic development. Create and retain jobs. Eligible applicants for ARC RLF grant assistance include States, Local Development Districts, and other non-profit multicounty organizations. Machinery, equipment and other fixed asset acquisition, new construction, alteration, modification, repair and renovation of existing facilities, demolition and site preparation, land acquisition, working capital, refinancing existing debt. As part of the grant agreement, ARC requires that RLF projects be administered in accordance with a revolving loan fund plan developed by the grant applicant and approve by the Commission.

#### **ARC - LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROGRAM**

To stimulate investments in public services and facilities that attract private sector investments and accelerates social and economic development. States, Local Development Districts, and other nonprofit multi-county organizations determined to be representatives of the an Appalachian area. Maximum funding per project \$200,000 with ARC funding at either 30%, 50% or 80% depending on whether county is listed as competitive, transitional, or distressed

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The Delta Regional Authority works to improve many aspects of communities in 20 Alabama counties.

### **ALABAMA POWER COMPANY**

Economic and Community Development Department

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The Alabama Power Company seeks to effectively integrate and utilize all resources to attract, expand and retain business that creates jobs and investments within the State of Alabama.

The Community Development and Relations Department at the Alabama Power Company provides assistance to communities throughout the company's service area. The department offers services including strategic planning, leadership development, community assessments, and downtown revitalization/design assistance. The department partners with a number of organizations across the state to offer a comprehensive approach to addressing community needs. Alabama Power offers a unique range of site selection and economic development services, including: greenfield and brownfield building site verification; labor force, demographic and wage rate information; details on technical training programs; insight into local tax structures and incentives; general logistical information; inbound and outbound transportation infrastructure; specifics on our low-cost, flexible electricity rates.



## **ALABAMA POWER COMPANY**

Industrial Development and Relations Department  
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The Alabama Power Company seeks to effectively integrate and utilize all resources to attract, expand and retain business that creates jobs and investments within the State of Alabama. Services include:

- Site-location database includes wide variety of industrial properties, available buildings and established industrial park sites.
- Speculative buildings available and ready for completion.

Profiles and support services available for each Alabama community

## **AUBURN UNIVERSITY GOVERNMENT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE**

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GEDI provides leadership in economic and community development programming for Auburn University and the Alabama Cooperative extension System. GEDI conducts educational programs, applied and policy research and publications, and provides direct planning and leadership development assistance for Alabama communities. GEDI is Auburn University's outreach unit for economic and community development. GEDI's mission is to improve community economic development policies and practices throughout Alabama.

**REV BIRMINGHAM** (specific to Birmingham)

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425 19<sup>th</sup> Street Ensley

Birmingham, AL 35218

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REV Birmingham (REV) revitalizes places and energizes business to create vibrancy in the City of Birmingham. REV is an economic development organization that stimulates business growth and improves quality of life in Birmingham's City Center and its Neighborhood Commercial Centers. REV fuels commercial vitality through proactive business recruitment and retention activities, and by encouraging private and public investments that support economic growth citywide. REV's initiatives generate positive results for partners, enhance tax revenue, generate and sustain jobs, increase tourism and positively influence perceptions about the City of Birmingham. REV is a private-public partnership that was formed in 2012 by the strategic merger of Operation New Birmingham and Main Street Birmingham.

## TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA)

TVA Reservation

P.O. Box 1010

Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35662-1010

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TVA has a rich history of improving quality of life and economic prosperity for people and businesses in the TVA service area. Down through the years, as times have changed, TVA has changed with them, updating and refining its focus to better serve its enduring mission in:

Affordable electricity

Economic and agricultural development

Environmental stewardship

Integrated river system management, and

Technological innovation

The work of Economic Development is a critical component of TVA's reason for being. TVA works to achieve this mission by serving as a catalyst for sustainable economic development in the TVA region. We carry out this mission through a focus on four key tasks:

Recruiting major industrial operations to locate in the TVA region.

Encouraging the location and expansion of companies that provide good jobs for our citizens.

Helping communities develop the assets that make them attractive to companies seeking a new location.

Offering support to entrepreneurs, women and minorities working to start new businesses.

By working closely with states, communities, distributors and directly served customers, TVA Economic Development strives to improve the lives of those living and working in the Tennessee Valley region. TVA seeks public involvement and partnership in the development and implementation of its natural resources management plans.

## **UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA CENTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (UACED)**

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The University of Alabama Center for Economic Development (UACED) serves as a gateway to the University of Alabama in providing economic development resources. UACED has been in existence since 1987 and provides community-based strategic planning in support of local economic development efforts, primarily in the economically distressed parts of the state. UACED staff provides guidance to communities in leveraging other University resources and partners with the specific focus on community development and capacity building at all levels. Our mission is to assist communities as they prepare to take advantage of economic development opportunities for growth which puts them in a better position to support existing businesses as well as to create and attract new investments and jobs. The Centers have the common focus of working to advance the economic well-being of the State of Alabama. UACED's mission is to address economic development needs of distressed and rural communities throughout Alabama; Build resource teams and programs around community development needs (examples: leadership development, economic diversification, planning); Partner with external community and economic development resources focused on enhancing Alabama's economic profile; Serve communities in practical, applied projects, assisting with planning and implementation; Provide leadership in charting non-traditional and new mechanisms for economic development. The economic outreach departments below work together to serve as catalysts, facilitators, and collaborators for using the resources, expertise and intellectual assets of The University of Alabama to build and sustain viable and sustainable economic opportunities throughout the state.

**Alabama Industrial Assessment Center**

**Alabama International Trade Center**

**Alabama Productivity Center**

**Alabama Small Business Development Center Network**

**Cartographic Research Laboratory**

**Center For Business and Economic Research**

**Central Analytical Facility**

**Office of Archaeological Research**

**The University of Alabama Center for Economic Development**

**UA SafeState**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - FOREST SERVICE – NATIONAL FORESTS IN ALABAMA**

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**Bankhead Ranger District**

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**Conecuh National Forest**

**Conecuh Ranger District**

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Oakmulgee Ranger District**

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**Shoal Creek Ranger District**

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Heflin, AL 36264  
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**Talladega Ranger District**

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Talladega, AL 35160  
Phone: 256-362-2909

**Tuskegee National Forest  
Tuskegee Ranger District**

125 National Forest  
Road 949  
Tuskegee, AL 36083  
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**Recreation.gov** is a one-stop website to find your recreation location anywhere in the United States including **Alabama's National Forests**. Ask about the interagency and how you can benefit. You can also use **Recreation.gov** to make reservations and payments online for tours, camp sites and other accommodations. Learn about boating safety, sign up to volunteer at our federal sites, or “share your story” about driving national scenic byways at [pa\\_alabama@fs.fed.us](mailto:pa_alabama@fs.fed.us). Alabama's national forests offer an assortment of recreation opportunities throughout the year. As set forth in law, the USDA Forest Service's mission is to achieve quality land management under the sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of people. The Rural Community Assistance Programs give grants to qualifying communities, governments, and non-profit entities.

## **UNIVERSITY OF WEST ALABAMA**

### **Community Outreach and Economic Development**

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### **Small Business Development Center**

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## **Downtown Revitalization, Design and Arts**

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### **Alabama State Council on the Arts**

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Community Arts/Design/Cultural Facilities Program Manager and Folklorist

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<http://www.arts.state.al.us/programs/AIE/education.aspx>

The Alabama State Council on the Arts' mission is to stimulate growth of the arts and its impact in Alabama by working with a wide range of arts organizations, individual artists, educational institutions, and communities. In directing this effort, the Council has established goals which reflect current philosophy and priorities. Assists with potential funding for planning, design and actual bricks and mortar for arts facilities

**ALABAMA WRITERS FORUM**

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Montgomery, AL 36104  
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**ALLIANCE FOR ARTS AND EDUCATION**

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**ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

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Webpage: <http://preserveala.org/>

Ms. Lisa Jones, Executive Director (Executive Office)  
Ms. Lee Anne Wofford, Interim Director – Historic Preservation  
Ms. Stacey Hathom, State Archaeologist  
Ms. Mary Mason Shell, Preservation Planner – Community Services

The Alabama Historical Commission is the state agency charged with safeguarding Alabama's historic buildings and sites. Created by an act of the state legislature in 1966, it consists of 21 appointed members who represent a broad cross section of Alabamians. Architects, historians, archaeologists, and representatives of Alabama's universities are members of the AHC. It provides the following programs: National Register of Historic Places, Federal Rehabilitation Tax Administered through the AHC, the Alabama Main Street Program assists communities in organizing a revitalization process that supports the economic stability of downtowns. Services offered are: Best Practices/Examples, Grants/Funding, Technical Assistance, Training/workshops, Architecture, Code Development, Community Design Arts, Community



Development, Downtown Revitalization, Economic Analysis, Economic Development, Historical Preservation, Landscaping & Beautification, Planning/Comprehensive Planning, Surveys, Tourism & Events.

### **MAIN STREET FOUR-POINT APPROACH®**

**Main Street Four-Point Approach®** is the foundation for local initiatives to revitalize their districts by leveraging local assets—from cultural or architectural heritage to local enterprises and community pride. The four points of the Main Street approach work together to build a sustainable and complete community revitalization effort.

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### **AUBURN UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN STUDIES (AUCAUS)**

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<http://apps.cadc.auburn.edu/urban-studio>

AUCAUS hosts a Small Town Design Initiative that aids small towns and communities in creating masterplans. Looking beyond the confines of four walls and considering the overall design of place is an important facet of Auburn University's Urban Studio. Located in downtown Birmingham, the Urban Studio is an outreach program of AU's College of Architecture, Design and Construction that gives fourth-year and thesis students the opportunity to pursue design in an urban setting and engage in community projects.

### **DESIGN ALABAMA**

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Ms. Gina Glaze Clifford, Executive Director

Design Alabama is a nonprofit organization committed to promoting the potential for design to contribute to quality of life in Alabama. DesignAlabama, Inc. works to increase the awareness and value of the design disciplines that influence our environment. We believe that the quality of life and the economic growth of Alabama are enhanced through attention to and investment in good design. DesignAlabama works as a statewide partner of the Alabama State Council on the Arts to deliver a variety of design programming across the state.

**National Endowment for the Arts**

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Design Director

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Potential funding under a number of planning and design initiatives

## Economic Development

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Ed Castile, Director of AIDT, Assistant Secretary of Commerce

An extension of the Governor's office, the Alabama Department of Commerce is responsible for leading and maintaining Economic Development across the state. Each division is led and staffed by professionals ready to assist businesses with any challenge, and excel in understanding every facet of potential commerce so that the right resources and guidance will always be available. The Divisions include:

**Business Development; Small Business Advocacy; International Trade; AIDT; Film Production**

### **ALABAMA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE**

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### **ALABAMA RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION OF COOPERATIVES (AREA)**

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Montgomery, AL 36117  
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[www.areapower.com](http://www.areapower.com)

Mr. Fred Braswell III, President and CEO (E-mail: [fbraswell@areapower.com](mailto:fbraswell@areapower.com))

The Alabama Rural Electric Association of Cooperatives (AREA) is a member-owned and member-controlled association. AREA provides a wide range of services statewide under one umbrella, enabling cooperatives to express themselves with a unified voice. The result of this partnership is local community growth with the highest quality electric service at the lowest possible cost for rural electric consumers. The AREA is the statewide trade association serving Alabama's 22 electric distribution cooperatives, PowerSouth Energy Cooperative and the Tennessee Valley Authority. In summary, AREA will: 1) support the distribution and generation and transmission of the cooperatives; 2) provide information programs that will stimulate local growth, stability and security; 3) operate for the benefit of its member cooperatives; and 4) provide the means and organization by which all electric cooperatives in Alabama can accomplish legislation needed on a state level.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP OF ALABAMA (EDPA)**

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Steve Spencer, President

Greg Knighton, Vice President

Angela Wier, Vice President

Mr. Steve Sewell, Executive Vice President

Economic Development Partnership of Alabama has been a catalyst for economic growth in the state. During that time, the Partnership contributed to Alabama's greatest economic development successes. A totally private, non-profit organization, EDPA is uniquely positioned to partner with state, local and private entities involved in Alabama's economic development efforts. EDPA provides services to companies looking to locate in the state, encourages emerging business development and assists companies and communities that want to improve their competitive edge. EDPA's primary focus is on helping the state attract and retain industry. EDPA fills a critical role in the industrial recruitment process by marketing and promoting Alabama as a business location, and by providing research, information and proposals to

companies and consultants that are actively searching for a site. EDPA also works closely with Alabama communities and companies looking to become more competitive.

### **NORTH ALABAMA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC. (NAIDA)**

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Decatur, AL 35601

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General Information: [naida@naida.com](mailto:naida@naida.com)

NAIDA assists in the location and development of industry in the TVA power distribution area of Alabama. NAIDA markets nationally and internationally through prospecting trips, trade shows, mailings, ads, etc.

### **POWER SOUTH ENERGY COOPERATIVE**

2027 East Three Notch Street

P.O. Box 550

Andalusia, AL 36420

Phone: 334-427-3000

Website: [www.powersouth.com](http://www.powersouth.com)

PowerSouth provides economic development services to site selectors, businesses, and communities to help foster the business community in Alabama and Northwest Florida. Locating a new or expanding business or industry is a major decision. PowerSouth Energy Cooperative, on behalf of its member systems, maintains a robust economic development program that works in bringing industry into Alabama and Florida. With business development officers in Alabama and northwest Florida, the PowerSouth systems can help you establish a successful business venture. Over the past 25 years, our economic development efforts have resulted in numerous commercial and industrial companies locating or expanding in Alabama and Florida.

## Education

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### **A-PLUS RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

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Montgomery, AL 36103

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Montgomery, AL 36103

Phone: (334) 279-1886

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Website: <http://aplusala.org>

A+ is composed of two organizations: *The A+ Education Foundation* and *A+ Coalition for Better Education*. *The A+ Education Foundation* is dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in public education in Alabama at the K-12 level. It studies all aspects of public education in Alabama and is involved in hands-on efforts to work with and for schools, school systems and individual educators committed to excellence in education. Several task forces are in place to spur effective educational reform. *A+ The Coalition for Better Education* is a grassroots, citizen-based advocacy organization dedicated to working for comprehensive education reform in Alabama. The A+ Coalition was established seven years ago by a diverse group of Alabama citizens committed to bringing about educational excellence in our state. There is now a base of thousands of members across the state that champion education reform. (Contributions to A+, on advice of counsel, may be deductible as a business expense.)

### **ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

135 South Union Street

Montgomery, AL 36104

Phone: 334-293-4709

<http://www.accs.cc>

The Alabama Community College System consists of 21 comprehensive community colleges and four technical colleges, Marion Military Institute and the Alabama Technology Network. Offers technical assistance, training/workshops on community arts programming, cultural arts, education, leadership development, tourism and events, workforce development initiatives, youth leadership development

**ALABAMA TECHNOLOGY NETWORK** (part of Alabama Community College System)

Alabama Technology Network - Corporate Office

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Birmingham, AL 35209

Phone: (205) 943-4773

Toll Free: 1-877-428-6457

[atninfo@atn.org](mailto:atninfo@atn.org)

The Alabama Technology Network is a part of the Alabama Community College System and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership. ATN's team of experts helps solve the needs of industry and business through innovative, sustainable, cost-effective solutions. We can conduct detailed needs assessments, outline potential solutions based on the results, and then provide technical assistance to help you solve those problems or identify those who can. We link industries and businesses with resources from our network of universities, colleges, businesses, and government to deliver the training needed to be more efficient, more productive, and more competitive. We partner with the two-year colleges, The University of Alabama System, and Auburn University to provide services through a variety of training options and methods, and are strategically located throughout the state to provide local points of contact.

**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

P.O. Box 302130

Montgomery, AL 36130

Street Address: 135 South Union Street, Montgomery, AL 36104-4340

Phone: (334) 293-4500

Fax: (334) 293-4504

Website: [www.acs.cc.al.us](http://www.acs.cc.al.us)

We bring a team of 8,000 dedicated education professionals, strategically located throughout the state, with over 30 years experience in meeting the training needs of business and industry. Today the Alabama College System consists of 19 community, seven technical, two junior colleges, and Athens State University, the System's upper division college serving over 88,107 students (Fall 2000-2001). Alabama Industrial Development Training Institute (AIDT), and the Fire College at Shelton State Community College are among the system's many educational resources serving Alabama residents.

**ALABAMA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, INC.**

P.O. Box 4177  
422 Dexter Avenue  
Montgomery, AL 36103  
Phone: (334) 834-9790  
Toll-Free: 1-800-392-5839  
Fax: (334) 262-8377  
Website: [www.myaea.org](http://www.myaea.org)

The Alabama Educational Association is an advocate organization that leads the movement for excellence in education and is a voice for the profession. Their mission is to promote educational excellence. The Alabama Educational Association shall serve as the advocate for its members and shall lead in the advancement of equitable and quality public education for a diverse population.

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

<http://www.ed.gov/>

**ALABAMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

<http://www.alsde.edu/home/Default.aspx>

**JUMP\$TART FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM**

<http://www.jumpstart.org/>

**FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION** (Money Smart Program and Educational Resources)

John Olsen – Alabama Contact  
<https://www.fdic.gov/>

**FEDERAL RESERVE BANK**

Julie Kornegay – Alabama Contact  
<http://www.frbatlanta.org/edresources/>



## ALABAMA SECURITIES COMMISSION

Dan Lord, Education and Public Affairs Manager – Alabama Contact  
<http://www.alabamaadministrativecode.state.al.us/docs/sec/>

## Environmental

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### ALABAMA CLEAN WATER PARTNERSHIP

P. O. Box 301463  
Montgomery, AL 36130  
Phone: 800-533-2336  
Website: [www.cleanwaterpartnership.org](http://www.cleanwaterpartnership.org)

Alabama Clean Water Partnership  
Phone: 205-266-6285  
[coordinator@cleanwaterpartnership.org](mailto:coordinator@cleanwaterpartnership.org)

Alabama Clean Water Partnership is a project designed to bring point source and non-point source interests (public and private sectors, business, industry, and environmental interests) together, in order to protect and enhance the natural resources of Alabama. The Partnership works with watershed facilitators, business and industry representatives and citizen groups to facilitate the sharing of ideas and information, forming partnerships to protect and restore waterways across Alabama.

### Click Below for Information on each River Basin

[Alabama River Basin](#)  
[Black Warrior River Basin](#)  
[Cahaba River Basin](#)  
[Chattahoochee - Chipola River Basin](#)  
[Choctawhatchee - Pea - Yellow River Basin](#)  
[Coastal Alabama-Escatawpa River Basin](#)  
[Conecuh - Sepulga - Blackwater River Basin](#)  
[Coosa River Basin](#)

Tallapoosa River Basin  
Tennessee River Basin  
Tombigbee River Basin

**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries  
64 North Union Street, Suite 468  
P.O. Box 301452  
Montgomery, AL 36130  
Phone: (334) 242-3486  
(334) 242-3465  
(334) 242-3467  
Fax: (334) 242-3032  
Website: [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com)

The Game and Fish Division serves as the governing agency for Alabama hunting and sport fishing laws and regulations. In this capacity, the Game and Fish Division designates public fishing lakes, establishes and supervises wildlife management areas, provides program information for hunter education, establishes bag and possession limits, and regulates licensing.

**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (ADEM)**

1400 Coliseum Boulevard  
P.O. Box 301463  
Montgomery, AL 36130  
Phone: (334) 271-7700  
Fax: (334) 271-7950  
Website: [www.adem.state.al.us](http://www.adem.state.al.us)  
Lance R. LeFleur, Director  
Marilyn G. Elliott, Deputy Director

Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) is responsible for protecting and maintaining air and water quality in Alabama. The agency regulates public water and sanitary sewage systems, the disposal of solid and hazardous wastes and industrial air pollution emissions

as well as the establishment of other environmental protection standards. The agency assists companies by identifying environmental permits, timeframes, etc. and any environmental constraints or assets.

## **ALABAMA FORESTRY COMMISSION (AFC)**

Alabama Forestry Commission  
Website: [www.forestry.state.al.us](http://www.forestry.state.al.us)

### **State Headquarters**

513 Madison Ave  
Montgomery, AL 36104-3631  
Phone: (334) 240-9300  
**Mailing Address:** PO Box 302550  
Montgomery, AL 36130-2550

### **North Region Office**

4208 Highway 31 South  
Decatur, AL 35603  
Phone: (256) 350-1637  
Fax: (256) 308-0097

### **Northeast Region Office**

6650 Old Highway 31 North  
Gardendale, AL 35071  
Phone: (205) 631-2552  
Fax: (205) 631-9128

### **Northwest Region Office**

8135 McFarland Blvd.  
Northport, AL 35476-3450  
Phone:(205) 333-1590  
Fax :(205) 339-7062

### **Southwest Region Office**

2584 Ridge Road  
Brewton, AL 36426  
Phone: (251)867-5368  
Fax: (251) 867-7302

### **Southeast Region Office**

2584 Ridge Road  
Brewton, AL 36426  
Phone: (251)867-6443  
Fax: (251) 867-7302

### **Little River State Forest**

18997 Hwy 21  
Atmore, AL 36502  
Phone:(251) 862-2511  
Fax: (251) 862-2511  
[Map to Little River State Forest](#)

### **Geneva State Forest**

1119 Forest Area Rd  
Kinston, AL 36453  
Phone:(334) 898-7013  
Fax: (334) 898-1149

**East Central Region Office**

221 Co. Rd. 423

Clanton, AL 35045-8183

Phone: (205) 755-3042

Fax: same

Map to Geneva State Forest**AFC Central Shop**

2973 Miller Nursery Road

Autaugaville, AL 36003

Phone: (334) 365-0647

Fax: (334) 365-9806

Established as a state agency in 1924, the mission of the Alabama Forestry Commission is three-fold: to Protect the Forests from all harmful agents; to Service and Help Landowners to carry out responsible forest management on their property, using professional technical assistance so as to benefit themselves, their land and society; and to Educate the General Public about the value of our forests in insuring both a healthy economy and environment. We do this in the most efficient and cost effective way possible. The Alabama Forestry Commission provides market information for wood and bark residues, and provides analysis and assistance for determining wood energy opportunities. The AFC is an original "Forestry TEAM" member.

**ALABAMA'S FOREVER WILD PROGRAM AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

State Lands Division

64 North Union Street, Suite 468

Montgomery, AL 36130-1456

Phone: (334) 242-3465 (Forever Wild)

Phone: (334) 242-3412 (State Land's Div.)

Fax: (334) 242-0999

Website: <http://www.outdooralabama.com/>**AL STATE LANDS-ADCNR**

Patricia J. Powell, Director

64 N. Union St.

Montgomery, AL 36130

Phone: (334) 242-3484

Fax: (334) 242-0999

The Forever Wild program was adopted by Alabama voters in November 1992 to set aside land for permanent state ownership using a portion of the interest earned on profits from the sale of offshore natural gas. The land to be used for hunting, fishing, camping, outdoor recreation, natural resource protection and research and preservation of unique sites, will be acquired from willing sellers at no taxpayer cost and will belong to you, the public. Alabama's Forever Wild Land Trust continues to work to expand the number of recreational areas available to the public, so that present and future generations can enjoy quality-of-life opportunities in the outdoors. Don't just be proud of your state. Get out and enjoy it. After all, these public lands belong to you. Learn more about the Forever Wild Land Trust, its mission, its funding, and the many recreational and hunting opportunities available at [AlabamaForeverWild.com](http://AlabamaForeverWild.com)

### **REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION OF GREATER BIRMINGHAM**

Two 20<sup>th</sup> Street North, Suite 1200

Birmingham, AL 35203

Phone: (205) 251-8139

Fax: (205) 328-3304

Website: [www.rpcgb.org](http://www.rpcgb.org)

Mr. Charles Ball, Executive Director

The Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB) provides planning services, economic development services and multiple initiatives for six counties and 84 communities throughout central Alabama. RPCGB works through a consultation process with local governments, citizens, non-profits and the private sector in Blount, Chilton, Jefferson, St. Clair, Shelby and Walker counties. It is through this process that opportunities and cost effective solutions are identified to assure physical and economic growth for everyone. The Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham is an association of local governments within Blount, Chilton, Jefferson, Shelby and Walker Counties. The Regional Planning Commission was formed in 1963 as a service agency to assist local governments. In 1969, the Alabama Legislature authorized creation of the Regional Councils and designated the Regional Planning Commission as such for the Greater Birmingham Area. The Regional Planning Commission, an advisory planning agency, provides technical assistance and makes recommendations to local governments.

## **THE NATURE CONSERVANCY OF ALABAMA**

Alabama Field Office  
2100 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North, Suite 500  
Birmingham, AL 35283  
Phone (205) 251-1155  
Fax (205) 251-4444

### **Worldwide Office**

The Nature Conservancy  
4245 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 100  
Arlington, VA 22203-1606

Website: [www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org)

The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to preserve plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. Alabama's natural heritage is second to none; our state is ranked by scientists as the fourth most biologically significant state in the nation. Yet it is the second most extinction prone state, behind only Hawaii. The Nature Conservancy has already protected over 101,000 acres in Alabama. It owns 14 preserves in the state, and has completed 27 projects with corporations, government and private partners. The Nature Conservancy of Alabama, a field office of The Nature Conservancy, opened in 1989, employs a professional staff and is overseen by a volunteer Board of Trustees. The Nature Conservancy is the leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. We address the most pressing conservation threats at the largest scale.

## **USDA NATIONAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)**

Alabama State Office  
3381 Skyway Drive  
Auburn, AL 36830-6443  
Phone: 334-887-4500  
Fax: 334-887-4551  
Mr. William Pucket - State Conservationist

The USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service is the federal agency that works hand-in-hand with the American people to conserve natural resources on private lands. The agency's recent name change from the Soil Conservation Service to the Natural Resources Conservation

Service more accurately reflects what the agency does in its efforts to help people conserve natural resources on private lands. Information on farm programs, aerial mapping, and water quality is available from the USDA.

### **U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

U. S. Army Engineer District, Mobile

PO Box 2288

Mobile, AL 36628-0001

Phone: 251 471-5966

Fax: 251 690-3067

<http://www.sam.usace.army.mil>

The two primary missions of the District are military construction and civil works. However, the District is quick to embrace the needs of the nation and today we play a key environmental role from protecting wetlands to clean-up programs. Environmental sustainment is our creed—balancing the nation’s environmental needs with economic well being. **To provide construction, maintain and operate key infrastructure projects that contribute to the Nation's economy, environment, safety and quality of life - now and in the future.**

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT**

Alabama Rural Water Association: <http://alruralwater.com/>

USDA Rural Development: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/AL-Home.html>

### **Stormwater**

ADEM – Stormwater Program: <http://www.adem.state.al.us/programs/water/constructionstormwater.cnt>

### **Water Quality Data**

Geological Survey of Alabama: [www.gsa.state.al.us](http://www.gsa.state.al.us)

USGS: <http://www.usgs.gov/state/state.asp>

## Export

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### **ALABAMA INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER (WILLIAM R. BENNETT - AITC)**

The University of Alabama  
Box 870396  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0396  
Phone: 205-348-7621  
Fax: 205-348-6974  
E-mail: [aitc@aitc.ua.edu](mailto:aitc@aitc.ua.edu)  
Website: [www.aitc.ua.edu](http://www.aitc.ua.edu)  
Mr. Brian Davis, Director

The Alabama International Trade Center (AITC), based at The University of Alabama, is a leading center for international trade research, education, and training in the state for existing industries. Its mission is to increase the level of international trade activity throughout Alabama, fostering the development and expansion of the state's economy. The AITC is an original "Forestry TEAM" member.

AITC specializes in serving small and medium sized companies and working one-on-one to help firms sell and compete in foreign markets. The Center also supports state and local agencies by initiating joint trade projects, researching state industries, and targeting foreign countries. AITC operates as a federal-state partnership program with the U.S. Small Business Administration, and is an institutional member of the Alabama Small Business Development Consortium.

### **ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

401 Adams Avenue  
P. O. Box 304106  
Toll Free: 800-248-0033  
Phone: 334-242-0400



## Funding:

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### **FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION (TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE)**

John Olsen  
100 Capitol Commerce Boulevard, Suite 590  
Montgomery, AL 36117  
Phone: 334-279-5359  
[jolsen@fdic.gov](mailto:jolsen@fdic.gov)  
<https://www.fdic.gov/>

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) preserves and promotes public confidence in the U.S. financial system by insuring deposits in banks and thrift institutions for at least \$250,000; by identifying, monitoring and addressing risks to the deposit insurance funds; and by limiting the effect on the economy and the financial system when a bank or thrift institution fails.

### ***BUSINESS LOANS***

#### **U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

801 Tom Martin Drive Suite #201  
Birmingham, AL 35211  
Phone: 205-290-7101  
Fax: 205-290-7404  
See map: [Google Maps](#)  
[Tom Todt](#): District Director  
Website: <http://www.sba.gov/about-offices-content/2/2822>

The Small Business Administration handles general long- and short-term 7(a) loans, as well as a number of specialized loan and lender delivery programs such as the Export Working Capital and International Trade Loans, LowDoc, Fastrak, and 504 Certified Development Company Program.

## **ALABAMA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER NETWORK (ASBDC)**

The University of Alabama  
Box 870396 ( Room 201 Bidgood Hall )  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487 USA  
Phone: (205) 348-1582  
Fax: (205) 348-6974  
Toll Free: (877) 825-7232  
Email: [ASBDC@ua.edu](mailto:ASBDC@ua.edu)  
Website: [www.asbdc.org](http://www.asbdc.org)

Bill Cummins, Executive State Director  
Michael Brooks, Associate Director  
Brian Davis, Director, - International Trade Program  
Jerry D. Ellison, Director – Procurement Program

## **SOUTHERN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

8132 Old Federal Road  
Montgomery, AL 36117-8007  
Toll Free Phone 1 800-499-3034  
Phone: (334) 244-1801  
Fax: (334) 244-1421  
Website: [www.sdcinc.org](http://www.sdcinc.org)  
Dana Moore, [dnmoore@sdcinc.org](mailto:dnmoore@sdcinc.org)  
Everette Strong, [strong@sdcinc.org](mailto:strong@sdcinc.org) – 334-318-1448  
Jennifer Seymour, [Jennifer@sdcinc.org](mailto:Jennifer@sdcinc.org) – 334-318-1482

The Southern Development Council, Inc. (SDC) is a private non-profit corporation founded in 1983. SDC is a Certified Development Company authorized by the Small Business Administration to package and service SBA 504 loans for the state of Alabama. Since small and medium sized businesses are an important segment of Alabama's economy, the prime objective of the SDC is to provide financing assistance for the growth of these businesses and the creation of new jobs and employment opportunities.

## **USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

Website: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/al](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/al)

### **Alabama**

Beverly Helton, Interim State Director

Sterling Centre, Suite 601

4121 Carmichael Road

Montgomery, AL 36106-3683

Phone: (334) 279-3400

Fax: (334) 279-3403

Through USDA Rural Development a variety of federal loan and grant programs are available for community development and business growth and expansion in rural areas. USDA Rural Development in Alabama invests approximately \$120 million yearly for housing and community and economic development projects throughout rural Alabama. The mission of USDA Rural Development is to enhance the ability of rural communities to develop, to grow, and to improve their quality of life by investing financial and technical resources in areas of greatest need through activities of greatest potential.

The purpose of the USDA Rural Development Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan program is to increase employment and improve the economic and environmental climate of rural communities by guaranteeing quality loans made by private lenders in areas outside the boundary of a city of 50,000 or more in population. The maximum aggregate B&I Guaranteed Loan amount is \$25 million. Other USDA Rural Development loan and grant programs related to business development include Rural Business Enterprise Grants, Rural Business Opportunity Grants, the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program, and the Intermediary Relending Program.

USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities program provides loans, loan guarantees and grants to public bodies and nonprofits to build or improve essential public use facilities in areas or towns of not more than 20,000 population. USDA Rural Development's water and wastewater loan and grant program is available to rural areas and towns with less than 10,000 population for the construction of a new system or for improvements and extensions to existing systems.

Our financial programs support such essential public facilities and services as water and sewer systems, housing, health clinics, emergency service facilities and electric and telephone service. We promote economic development by supporting loans to businesses through banks, credit unions and community-managed lending pools. We offer technical assistance and information to help agricultural producers and cooperatives

get started and improve the effectiveness of their operations. We provide technical assistance to help communities undertake community empowerment programs.

## **Grant Writing - Firms Working Within Alabama**

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McFarland Consultants  
130 Wildwood Parkway, Suite 108-402  
Birmingham, AL 35209  
Phone: 205-887-0591  
[j.w.mcfarlandjr@gmail.com](mailto:j.w.mcfarlandjr@gmail.com)  
<http://www.mcfarlandgrants.com>

Community Consultants, Inc.  
7 Town Center Drive, Suite 302  
Huntsville, AL 35806  
Phone: 256-890-4240

Community Development Group, Inc.  
740 Sweet Ridge Road  
Prattville, AL 36066  
Phone: 334-361-4640

Ewing Conner & Associates, Inc.  
P. O. Box 6805  
Dothan, AL 36302  
Phone: 334-793-7695

Grant Management, LLC  
20 Soldiers Route  
Spanish Fort, AL 36527  
Phone: 251-375-6630

Kohrman Consulting Services, LLC  
6758 Deanna Court  
Mobile, AL 36695  
Phone: 251-214-4403

Betty Loftin  
1210 Dale Drive South  
Huntsville, AL 35801  
Phone: 256-539-6679

L. P. Campbell Company  
P. O. Box 889086  
Atlanta, GA 30356  
Phone: 770-399-5660

Monroe & Associates  
P. O. Box 680369  
Prattville, AL 36068  
Phone: 334-351-1963

Morton & Associates, Inc.  
200 East McKinney Avenue  
Albertville, AL 35950  
Phone: 256-878-5222

Raymond Wheat & Associates, Inc.  
3124 Carter Hill Road  
Montgomery, AL 36111  
Phone: 334-265-4861

Site, Inc.  
P. O. Box 3565

Montgomery, AL 36109  
Phone: 334-514-1100

The Towry Group  
9089 Pinewood Avenue  
Elberta, AL 36530  
Phone: 256-738-2170

Wenworth Corporation  
P. O. Box 655  
New Brockton, AL 36351  
Phone: 334-894-5210

WMA Group, Inc.  
P. O. Box 57  
Emelle, AL 35459  
Phone: 205-799-1485

## **Healthcare/Physical Activity/Nutrition**

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### **ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

201 Monroe Street, RSA Tower, Suite 710

P.O. Box 303017

Montgomery, AL 36130-3017

Phone: (334) 206-5300

Fax: (334) 206-5434

Website: <http://www.adph.org/>

Under this very comprehensive website, there is an A-Z directory that covers every program in public health. In addition there is a facility directory listing all clinics, hospitals, nursing homes etc. in the state.

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) is the primary state health agency for the state of Alabama. The purpose of the Alabama Department of Public Health is to provide caring, high quality, and professional services for the improvement and protection of the public's

health through disease prevention and the assurance of public services to resident and transient populations of the state regardless of social circumstances or the ability to pay. The Department of Public Health works closely with the community to preserve and protect the public's health and to provide caring, quality services.

The State Office of Rural Health (SORH) is administered through the Alabama Department of Public Health. This office administers the State Office of Rural Health program, the state Primary Care office, and state office of Minority Health and serves as state-level contacts for federal health initiatives in their respective areas of responsibility. The Office of Primary Care and Rural Health serves as contact for rural and minority health information and supports rural communities in health professions recruitment, identification of underserved communities, grant identification, telemedicine resources, and data collection/analysis.

**RURAL COMMUNITIES:**

<http://www.raconline.org/> - resource for rural resources on health related grants, resources and reports

Alabama Rural Health Association:

P. O Box 4509

Montgomery, AL 36103

Phone: (334) 206 5396

Fax: (334) 206-5434

Alabama Rural Health Association

Dale Quinney

P. O. Box 640308

Pike Road, AL 36064

Phone: 334-546-3502

[arha@arhaonline.org](mailto:arha@arhaonline.org)

<http://www.arhaonline.org>

Website: [www.arhaonline.org](http://www.arhaonline.org) (interesting publications, data, and reports for grant writing)

The Alabama Rural Health Association is a non-profit membership organization whose primary mission is to work for the preservation and enhancement of health for rural citizens of the state. This is being accomplished by bringing together a diverse constituency with a

shared commitment to this mission to assume leadership in its accomplishment through communication, education, and advocacy. The Association serves as a forum for the unified voices of health care providers, public officials, health care workers, educators, and consumers working to improve health in rural Alabama; provides a forum for the exchange and distribution of ideas and information related to the improvement of rural health; serves as an advocate for rural health; and encourages the development of appropriate health resources for rural Alabama.

Alabama Primary Care Association: <http://www.alphca.com/> - represents the FQHCs across the state.

Alabama Hospital Association: <http://www.alaha.org/>-

Medicare Hotline 1-800-633-4227

Medicaid Hotline 1-800-642-8589

## WALKABLE COMMUNITIES

Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center

<http://www.pedbikeimages.org/>

The PBIC Image Library is a searchable collection of free, real-world images relating to walking and bicycling.

<http://americawalks.org/> - National resource fosters walkable communities by engaging, educating, and connecting walking advocates

<http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/complete-streets> - A guide to building road networks and sidewalks that are safer, more livable, and welcoming to everyone

<http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/> - National safe routes to schools information to help community leaders, schools and parents improve safety and encourage more children to safely walk and bike to school

<http://www.alabamatrailsasso.org/>- Provides information about the Alabama Trails Association and trail information in Alabama.



## **ASSESSMENTS**

<http://eatbettermovemore.org/sa/enact/members/index.php> - ENACT (Environmental, Nutrition, and Activity Community Tool) designed to help improve community health

<http://www.movingtothefuture.org/> - Moving to the Future are tools for planning nutrition and physical activity interventions and programs for the community

## **WORKSITE WELLNESS**

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/TWH/essentials.html#imp>- Total Worker Health, is a guide for employers and employer-employee partnerships wishing to establish effective workplace programs that sustain and improve worker health

[http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2011/mar/10\\_0069.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2011/mar/10_0069.htm) - North Carolina's State Health Plan establishes a model worksite program to guide development of the worksite wellness policy and pilot wellness interventions

<http://welcoa.org/> - WELCOA is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of all working Americans by promoting corporate membership, producing publications, conducting trainings, and creating resources

## **COMMUNITY GARDENS-**

<https://communitygarden.org/> and <http://www.thegardenhelper.com/> - Provide step by step instructions on how to start a community garden

<http://visitingmontgomery.com/play/hampstead-institute-downtown-farm> - Hampstead Institute's web pages explain sustainable farming and feature education programs focused on three core areas: Youth Wellness, Social Vitality, and Economic Development

## **POLICIES**

<http://www.thecommunityguide.org/pa/environmental-policy/index.html> - Community Preventive Services provides policy approaches that work to promote health within the community

<http://www.leadershipforhealthycommunities.org/> - Action Strategies Toolkit provides a guide to local and state leaders in their efforts to reduce childhood obesity through public policies that promote active living, healthy eating, and access to healthy foods

## **Historic Preservation**

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### **ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

468 South Perry Street  
Montgomery, AL 36130-0900  
Phone: (334) 242-3184  
Faxes: (334) 262-1083

Webpage: <http://www.preserveala.org/>

Ms. Lisa Jones, Executive Director (Executive Office)  
Ms. Lee Anne Wofford, Interim Director – Historic Preservation  
Ms. Stacye Hathom, State Archaeologist  
Ms. Mary Mason Shell, Preservation Planner – Community Services

The Alabama Historical Commission is the state agency charged with safeguarding Alabama's historic buildings and sites. Created by an act of the state legislature in 1966, it consists of 21 appointed members who represent a broad cross section of Alabamians. Architects, historians, archaeologists, and representatives of Alabama's universities are members of the AHC. It provides the following programs: National Register of Historic Places, Federal Rehabilitation Tax Administered through the AHC, the Alabama Main Street Program assists communities in organizing a revitalization process that supports the economic stability of downtowns. Services offered are: Best Practices/Examples, Grants/Funding, Technical Assistance, Training/workshops, Architecture, Code Development, Community Design Arts, Community Development, Downtown Revitalization, Economic Analysis, Economic Development, Historical Preservation, Landscaping & Beautification, Planning/Comprehensive Planning, Surveys, Tourism & Events.

### **ALABAMA TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

Station 45  
Livingston, AL 35470  
Phone: 205-652-3497  
<http://www.alabamatrust.info/>

### **BLACK HERITAGE COUNCIL (BHC)**

Formed in 1984 by the Alabama Historical Commission, the Black Heritage Council (BHC) is the only statewide organization that promotes the preservation and awareness of African American historic places, associated artifacts and culture.

The Black Heritage Council assists groups and individuals with preservation of individual historic African American properties or historic districts. Also, the BHC works to inform citizens of the need to preserve historic landmarks, history, and culture. This is achieved primarily through a series of educational workshops and an annual preservation forum. The council works closely with the Alabama Historical Commission to raise citizen awareness of available resources and grant opportunities. For additional information on the Black Heritage Council, please click on the following link: <http://www.preserveala.org/blackheritagecouncil.aspx>.

### **NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF PRESERVATION COMMISSIONS**

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For local historic district regulation

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Many states and communities use National Register listing as the backbone of their planning processes and designation criteria. In some cases, state and local ordinances may establish protections for preservation purposes. In addition to honorific recognition, listing in the

National Register results in the following for historic properties: 1) Consideration in planning for Federal, federally licensed, and federally assisted projects; 2) Eligibility for certain tax provisions; 3) Consideration of historic values in the decision to issue a surface mining permit where coal is located in accordance with the Surface Mining Control Act of 1977; and 4) Qualification for Federal grants for historic preservation, when funds are available.

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## **Housing**

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**HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)**

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HUD's mission is to strive for a decent, safe, and sanitary home and suitable living environment for every American by:

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## **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE-RURAL DEVELOPMENT (USDA)**

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The USDA Rural Development's mission is to enhance the ability of rural communities to develop, grow and improve their quality of life by targeting financial and technical resources in areas of greatest need through activities of greatest potential. Business and Industry direct and guaranteed loans are made for improving, developing, or financing business and industry, creating jobs, and improving the economic and environmental climate in rural communities. Assistance is available in rural areas (with populations up to 50,000). The maximum aggregate B&I direct loan amount is \$10 million, while the maximum aggregate B&I guaranteed loan amount is \$25 million.

## **Infrastructure/Facilities**

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### **ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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Website: [www.dot.state.al.us](http://www.dot.state.al.us).

John R. Cooper, Director

To provide a safe, efficient, environmentally sound intermodal transportation system for all users, especially the taxpayers of Alabama. To also facilitate economic and social development and prosperity through the efficient movement of people and goods and to facilitate intermodal connections within Alabama. ALDOT must also demand excellence in transportation and be involved in promoting adequate funding to promote and maintain Alabama's transportation infrastructure.

The Department is organized into nine geographic regions called Divisions, with a Central Office located in Montgomery. The Central Office is organized into the Office of the Transportation Director and the Office of the Chief Engineer with Bureaus and Divisions reporting to the Chief Engineer. Additionally, the Department has several other boards and committees that operate either within a bureau or as a cooperative effort among several bureaus and/or divisions.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION**

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"Enhance community success in attracting private capital investment and lucrative job opportunities." In fulfilling its mission, EDA is guided by the basic principle that distressed communities must be empowered to develop and implement their own economic development and revitalization strategies. Based on these locally- and regionally-developed priorities, EDA works in partnership with state and local governments,

regional economic development districts, public and private nonprofit organizations, and Indian tribes. EDA helps distressed communities address problems associated with long-term economic distress, as well as sudden and severe economic dislocations including recovering from the economic impacts of natural disasters, the closure of military installations and other Federal facilities, changing trade patterns, and the depletion of natural resources.

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## **Leadership**

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### **Alabama Communities of Excellence (ACE)**

The **Alabama Communities of Excellence (ACE)** program uses a comprehensive, three-phase approach to assist participating communities in planning and preparing for a more vibrant future. Throughout each of these phases, ACE partners from the private sector, government agencies and universities work with each community to successfully achieve its goals. To participate in the ACE program, communities must first submit a completed application and be selected as a participant. At the beginning of each selection process, applications are mailed to the mayors of those communities having the qualifying population of 2,000 to 18,000.

### **Dr. Arturo Menefee**

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## **Planning**

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### **CONNECTING ALABAMA**

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The ConnectingALABAMA initiative provides the focus, tools and citizen engagement needed to identify and support prioritized investments in infrastructure (public and private network development), adoption (increased demand for broadband services) and leadership (to facilitate a probroadband environment). ConnectingALABAMA is a multi-year initiative promoting the availability of broadband Internet access throughout the State of Alabama.

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#### **ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS (AARC)**

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The Alabama Association of Regional Councils is composed of twelve regional councils. The regional councils provide services to local governments, such as securing grant and loan assistance for community projects and services. The range of services for funding goes beyond writing a grant application. In many cases, tasks include: Advising local governments on the type of project to undertake, providing information on the current availability of funds, providing statistical data, and managing compliance reporting. Regional councils routinely prepare applications for submission to the Appalachian Regional Commission; State of Alabama Community Development Block Grant Program; Economic Development Administration; Department of Housing and Urban Development; USDA- Rural Development; Environmental Protection Agency; and the Small Business Administration.

#### **The Regional Councils**

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Region 1, Northwest Alabama Council of Governments

Region 2, West Alabama Regional Commission

Region 3, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham

Region 4, East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

Region 5, South Central Alabama Development Commission  
Region 6, Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission  
Region 7, Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission  
Region 8, South Alabama Regional Planning Commission  
Region 9, Central Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission  
Region 10, Lee Russell Council of Governments  
Region 11, North Central Alabama Council of Governments  
Region 12, Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments

### **ALABAMA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION**

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The purpose of the Alabama Chapter of the American Planning Association is to help residents of the State improve the quality of their lives through rational and comprehensive approaches to physical, economic, and human resource planning. Provides assistance on: Access Planning, Cartography/Mapping, Code Development, Community Development, Downtown Revitalization, Economic Development, Historical Preservation, Housing, Planning/Comprehensive Planning, Resource Conservation, Transportation

### **ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM (ACES)**

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The Alabama Cooperative Extension System, the land grant outreach arm of Alabama A&M and Auburn University, with Tuskegee University cooperating, provides: 1) technical and educational information to economic developers and leaders in forest dependent counties in preparing to develop, recruit and retain businesses and industries; 2) private landowner's information on managing woodlands for timber and wildlife production; and 3) public education on public policy options for natural resource management.

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## **Safety, and Health**

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### **UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA – SAFE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS**

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The Training and Conference Activities mission is to provide professional environmental, safety and health training through conferences, classroom, and online courses. Click below for additional information and resources on the following:

University of Alabama OSHA Training Institute Education Center  
Alabama Governor's Safety & Health Conference  
Lead-based Paint, Asbestos, and Mold Training  
Qualified Electrical Worker (online)  
Unqualified Electrical Worker (online)  
Electrical Safety Auditor Certificate Program (online)  
Electrical Safety Instructor Certificate Programs (online)  
Health & Safety Management Certificate (online)  
Stormwater Management Training  
Environmental Management System (EMS) - ISO 14001  
Course Catalog  
Training at your location

## **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM)  
Alabama Department of Public Health Lead Hazard Reduction Program  
Best Manufacturing Practices  
CDC-Air Pollution & Respiratory Health  
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
EPA Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial Buildings PDF  
EPA Renovator Repair & Painting Page  
EPA Waste Reduction Resources

## **SAFETY AND HEALTH**

American Board of Industrial Hygiene  
American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienist

American Industrial Hygiene Association  
American Society of Safety Engineers  
Board of Certified Safety Professionals  
Center for Disease Control  
Department of Energy  
National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health  
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences  
National Safety Council  
NIOSH Database  
NIOSH Pocket Guide (Online)  
OSHA Safety & Health Internet Sites  
University of Alabama at Birmingham Deep South Center for OH&S  
US Department of Transportation  
US DOL Occupational Safety & Health Administration

## Small Business

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### U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

801 Tom Martin Drive Suite #201

Birmingham, AL 35211

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[Tom Todt](#): District Director

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/about-offices-content/2/2822>

The Small Business Administration handles general long- and short-term 7(a) loans, as well as a number of specialized loan and lender delivery programs such as the Export Working Capital and International Trade Loans, LowDoc, Fastrak, and 504 Certified Development Company Program.

### **ALABAMA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER NETWORK (ASBDC)**

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### **SOUTHERN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

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The Southern Development Council, Inc. (SDC) is a private non-profit corporation founded in 1983. SDC is a Certified Development Company authorized by the Small Business Administration to package and service SBA 504 loans for the state of Alabama. Since small and medium sized businesses are an important segment of Alabama's economy, the prime objective of the SDC is to provide financing assistance for the growth of these businesses and the creation of new jobs and employment opportunities.

## **USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

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Through USDA Rural Development a variety of federal loan and grant programs are available for community development and business growth and expansion in rural areas. USDA Rural Development in Alabama invests approximately \$120 million yearly for housing and community and economic development projects throughout rural Alabama. The mission of USDA Rural Development is to enhance the ability of rural communities to develop, to grow, and to improve their quality of life by investing financial and technical resources in areas of greatest need through activities of greatest potential. The purpose of the USDA Rural Development Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan program is to increase employment and improve the economic and environmental climate of rural communities by guaranteeing quality loans made by private lenders in areas outside the boundary of a city of 50,000 or more in population. The maximum aggregate B&I Guaranteed Loan amount is \$25 million. Other USDA Rural Development loan and grant programs related to business development include Rural Business Enterprise Grants, Rural Business Opportunity Grants, the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program, and the Intermediary Relending Program. USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities program provides loans, loan guarantees and grants to public bodies and nonprofits to build or improve essential public use facilities in areas or towns of not more than 20,000 population. USDA Rural Development's water and wastewater loan and grant program is available to rural areas and towns with less than 10,000 population for the construction of a new system or for improvements and extensions to existing systems. Our financial programs support such essential public facilities and services as water and sewer systems, housing, health clinics, emergency service facilities and electric and telephone service. We promote economic development by supporting loans to businesses through banks, credit unions and community-managed lending pools. We offer technical assistance and information to help agricultural producers and cooperatives get started and improve the effectiveness of their operations. We provide technical assistance to help communities undertake community empowerment programs.



## Socio-Economic Data For Current 113th Congress Districts

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Click on the My Congressional District link below. Data are from the 1-year American Community Survey for 2011 and can be downloaded. Public Information Office 301-763-3030; e-mail: <[pio@census.gov](mailto:pio@census.gov)>

### Census Bureau's New Tool Puts Congressional District Statistics at Your Fingertips

The U.S. Census Bureau has released *My Congressional District*, the first interactive tool geared exclusively toward finding basic demographic and economic statistics for every congressional district in the U.S. This Web app uses the latest annual statistics from the American Community Survey, providing the most detailed portrait of America's towns and neighborhoods.

Users can sort through statistics in five key categories upon selection of a specific district in the application. Summary level statistics covering education, finance, jobs and housing, as well as basic demographic information, can quickly be displayed, downloaded and shared with others.

A major feature of the My Congressional District app is the ability to embed a selected 113th congressional district on a user's own webpage. The embedded district will display the latest statistics from the American Community Survey, allowing visitors to quickly view statistics for any of the 435 congressional districts and the District of Columbia.

## Tourism

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### Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Outdoor Alabama  
64 N. Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36130  
Phone: 334-242-3486

### ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Recreational Programs assist Alabama communities in promoting outdoor activities and encouraging healthy lifestyles through two federal grants, the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Recreational Trails Program.

The U. S. Department of Interior's Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) provides funding to Alabama cities and counties for the development or establishment of outdoor recreational areas. Projects include parks, playgrounds, forest and wildlife refuges, recreational lakes and ponds, outdoor playing fields and picnic and camping areas.

For additional information contact:

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GEDI provides leadership in economic and community development programming for Auburn University and the Alabama Cooperative extension System. GEDI conducts educational programs, applied and policy research and publications, and provides direct planning and leadership development assistance for Alabama communities. GEDI is Auburn University's outreach unit for economic and community development. GEDI's mission is to improve community economic development policies and practices throughout Alabama.

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The University of Alabama Center for Economic Development (UACED) serves as a gateway to the University of Alabama in providing economic development resources. UACED has been in existence since 1987 and provides community-based strategic planning in support of local economic development efforts, primarily in the economically distressed parts of the state. UACED staff provides guidance to communities in leveraging other University resources and partners with the specific focus on community development and capacity building at all levels. Our mission is to assist communities as they prepare to take advantage of economic development opportunities for growth which puts them in a better position to support existing businesses as well as to create and attract new investments and jobs. The Centers have the common focus of working to advance the economic well-being of the State of Alabama. UACED's mission is to address economic development needs of distressed and rural communities throughout Alabama; Build resource teams and programs around community development needs (examples: leadership development, economic diversification, planning); Partner with external community and economic development resources focused on enhancing Alabama's economic profile; Serve communities in practical, applied projects, assisting with planning and implementation; Provide leadership in charting non-traditional and new mechanisms for economic development. The economic outreach departments below work together to serve as catalysts, facilitators, and collaborators for using the resources, expertise and intellectual assets of The University of Alabama to build and sustain viable and sustainable economic opportunities throughout the state.

**Alabama Industrial Assessment Center**

**Center For Business and Economic Research**

**Alabama International Trade Center**

**Central Analytical Facility**

Alabama Productivity Center

Alabama Small Business Development Center Network

Cartographic Research Laboratory

Office of Archaeological Research

The University of Alabama Center for Economic Development

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#### ADDITIONAL WEBSITES TO VISIT

<http://alabamainfo.com/tourism/>

<http://www.toureastalabama.com/>

<http://www.alabamabirdingtrails.com/>

## Workforce Training & Development and Technical Assistance

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### ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (ADECA)

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Mr. Jim Byard, Jr., Director

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA)'s mission is to serve all Alabamians by effectively and efficiently utilizing resources in order to meet economic and community needs. ADECA is a one-stop center for grants/funding for projects/initiatives to make Alabama citizens lives & their communities better. ADECA provides information on planning, economic development, employment, training and community services. Several community grants are routed through ADECA. A wide range of programs fall under the category of

community and economic development, and they exist to improve Alabama communities in very specific ways. Some community needs addressed by Community Development Programs include providing clean water, paving the way for new jobs, eliminating health and safety hazards, and assisting minority-owned businesses. Through the Community Services Block Grant Program, Alabama residents of low-income are able to receive assistance with gaining employment, education and many other skills. ConnectingALABAMA  promotes the expansion of high-speed internet service to help communities take full advantage of opportunities in economic development, health care, education and many other areas. The Recreation and Conservation Unit administers grants that fund walking trails, playgrounds and other outdoor areas that improve communities. The Appalachian Regional Commission has been working to improve lives, create new jobs, spur economic development, build roads and infrastructure, advance education and promote wellness in central and north Alabama since its establishment in 1965.

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An extension of the Governor's office, the Alabama Department of Commerce is responsible for leading and maintaining Economic Development across the state. Each division is led and staffed by professionals ready to assist businesses with any challenge, and excel in understanding every facet of potential commerce so that the right resources and guidance will always be available. The Divisions include: **Business Development; Small Business Advocacy; International Trade; AIDT; Film Production**

### **ALABAMA TECHNOLOGY NETWORK** (part of Alabama Community College System)

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## **BOOKS**

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Walkable City – [http://www.amazon.com/Walkable-City-Downtown-Save-America/dp/0374285810/ref=pd\\_sim\\_b\\_5](http://www.amazon.com/Walkable-City-Downtown-Save-America/dp/0374285810/ref=pd_sim_b_5)

Small Town Planning Handbook – [https://www.planning.org/store/product/?ProductCode=BOOK\\_AE0798](https://www.planning.org/store/product/?ProductCode=BOOK_AE0798)

City Comforts – [http://www.amazon.com/City-Comforts-Build-Urban-Village/dp/0964268019/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1376324764&sr=8-1&keywords=City+Comforts](http://www.amazon.com/City-Comforts-Build-Urban-Village/dp/0964268019/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1376324764&sr=8-1&keywords=City+Comforts)