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South Alabama Logistics Park Breaks Ground

- Interest is high in the future industrial park
- Phase I kicks off today
- On schedule to be the state's and the Southeast's largest

[Mobile, Ala., 08.18.2021] Just four months after announcing a master-planned industrial park for south Mobile County, Team Mobile and Burton Property Group broke ground today on Phase 1 of the site.



The event signaled the start of the 1,300-acre park's needed infrastructure and construction designed to attract warehouse, distribution and manufacturing operations scheduled to be completed by next summer.

"The interest we've seen in this new development certainly proves the need. We're working 15 active projects, and if we are fortunate enough to land them all we would completely lease out Phase 1 of the South Alabama Logistics Park," said **Philip Burton**, president of Burton Property Group.

At full build-out, the park will offer 12-million square feet of industrial warehouse and distribution space, making it the largest in the state and the Southeast. Features include Class A facilities targeting the growing number of shippers and light manufacturers that need to locate in close proximity to either the Port of Mobile or Mobile Aeroplex at Brookley.

Bill Sisson, the Mobile Area Chamber's President and CEO, emphasized the value this type of development adds to the organization's economic development efforts. "Having available sites is an important box to check on a list of key factors for site selectors and is critical to our success to add jobs and investment. We're excited to have this transformational park for our economic development efforts."

The Mobile County Commission and Mobile City Council each voted to spend \$3 million to develop roads and related infrastructure. The project is a three-year collaborative effort between the Alabama State Port Authority, Burton Property

Group, City of Mobile, Mobile County and the Mobile Area of Chamber of Commerce, the South Alabama Logistics Park is located at 6501 Theodore Dawes Rd., near the I-10 Theodore Dawes exit, south of the Amazon sortation center in south Mobile County.

From the Partners:

Mobile County Commission President and District 1 County Commissioner Merceria Ludgood said, "We're pleased to see this project begin to take shape and look forward to South Alabama Logistics Park's impact on both logistics capacity and employment opportunities within this sector."

City of Mobile Mayor Sandy Stimpson said, "The South Alabama Logistics Park will put the City of Mobile on the map as a logistics and distribution hub. With today's groundbreaking, we are one step closer to attracting new, world class companies to the Mobile area, further diversifying our economy and bringing more job opportunities to the citizens. We are proud to be a partner and grateful to Burton Property Group for their leadership in helping to make Mobile's economic future even brighter."

Alabama State Port Authority Director and CEO John Driscoll said, "Our port is experiencing unprecedented growth in our containerized cargo terminals. This growth is attracting light manufacturing and distribution interests that rely on modern, deep-water seaport terminals for their import/export activities. This park will help support these investments and the region's growth opportunities."

District 2 Mobile County Commissioner Connie Hudson said, "This project offers tremendous jobs growth potential for our region for years to come. We are pleased to partner in bringing this industrial park to fruition."

District 3 Mobile County Commissioner Randall Dueitt

South Alabama Logistics Park allows us to further capitalize on our unique geographic location and our expanding logistics framework of rail, road, water and air. This park's becoming a reality in Mobile County's District 3 demonstrates our capacity and the potential for growth within the region. It has the potential to change the face of our local economy and to benefit the people and families of Mobile County.

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About Team Mobile

Team Mobile is a group of city, county, chamber and other entity representatives who work together to win major economic development investments. Members include Alabama Power Co., Alabama State Port Authority, City of Mobile, Mobile Airport Authority, Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, Mobile County, Spire and University of South Alabama.

About Burton Property Group

Burton Property Group (BPG) is a private regional commercial real estate investment, development and management firm. A leader in real estate development in the Southeast with established institutional and client relationships, BPG has the capacity to tackle large-scale projects in a broad spectrum of real estate classes.

About the Mobile Area Chamber's Economic Development Efforts

The Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce is a private business organization and the economic developer of record for the city of Mobile and Mobile County. From 2010 through 2020 Mobile's economic development efforts created 8,788 new jobs and retained 541 more. Capital investments topped \$4.68 billion, including 31 new businesses recruited and 56 expansion projects at existing area companies. Additional information is on the Chamber's website, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter and YouTube.