

PRIORITIES
2010 GEDA Legislative Policy Agenda

- To enable Georgia to close the deal on highly competitive projects, appropriations for the REBA, Quick Start, ICAPP and OneGeorgia EDGE programs should be maintained and when possible increased. The One Georgia program should have the same flexibility as the REBA program.
- Mechanisms for increased funding for transportation must be adopted by the 2010 Legislature.
- Prospect information & competitiveness: Support legislation to provide for the timely release of information concerning economic development clients of state and local agencies so that Georgia's opportunity to effectively compete for new jobs and investment is preserved.
- Tourism Development: Support the concept of the State providing appropriate incentives for tourism development projects. Study the concept so that a program with a broad base of support can be implemented when possible.
- Maintain and when possible increase support and funding of all state economic development entities that assist development, employment and growth.
- Ensure that local Development Authorities have the tools necessary to recruit companies and close deals.
- Stretch our Water Supply – Incentives for water conservation, recycling and treatment, and return of treated water to rivers and reservoirs will attract industries and help stretch our water resources.
- Increase our Water Supply – Restore the \$40 million originally budgeted for the Reservoir Program and activate the plan, and look at other ways to increase our water supply.