

NATIONAL COMPANIES ANNOUNCE MOVE TO SOUTH ALABAMA LOGISTICS PARK



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Pictured at the SALP announcement is (from left to right) Phillip Burton, Burton Property Group; Randall Dueitt, Mobile County Commission; State of Alabama Governor Kay Ivey; Peter Murphy, DC Safety Sales Co. Inc.; City of Mobile Mayor Sandy Stimpson; and Barry Blakely, Averitt Express.

Alabama Gov. **Kay Ivey** recently announced two national businesses are the first to relocate to the South Alabama Logistics Park (SALP) in Mobile County, developed by Burton Property Group.

- **DC Safety** is relocating its headquarters and operations to the SALP with 51 new jobs and a \$33.5 million investment.
- **Averitt Express** is expanding its Mobile operations and moving to the SALP with 32 new jobs and a \$23 million capital investment.

DC Safety, founded in 1975, is the nation's leading manufacturer and distributor of first aid and preparedness accessories for the automotive industry.

"Mobile is unique in combining a very supportive business climate with a wonderful quality of life for workers and their families," said **Peter Murphy**, president and CEO of DC Safety. "This location places us closer to our customers and allows us to take advantage of all the resources here with respect to port, road and rail logistics. We're eager to commence operations."

Tennessee-based Averitt Express was established in 1971 and has had operations in Mobile since 1988. Averitt Express is a leading provider of freight transportation and supply chain management solutions with an international reach of 100-plus countries.

"Averitt is proud to have been operating in Mobile since 1988," said **Barry Blakely**, chief operating officer of Averitt Express. "We're

humbled by the trust Mobile has placed in us and the growth we've experienced over the past 34 years. While we're proud of our past, we're even more excited about the future. We believe relocating to the South Alabama Logistics Park will fuel our growth in Mobile for decades to come. The future of Averitt in Mobile is bright."

"Days like today prove why Alabama's economic comeback is leading states around the country and why the Mobile area is a major catalyst for the entire state," Ivey said. "Companies like DC Safety and Averitt and places like the South Alabama Logistics Park are making this success possible."

These two moves are the first major relocations to SALP, a 1,300-acre master-planned logistics park located off Interstate 10 in Theodore. With its proximity to the Port of Mobile, the Mobile Aeroplex at Brookley, and interstate and rail connections, SALP is expected to become a major contributor to economic growth in the area. SALP is the largest industrial park development along the Gulf Coast, with the potential to bring 5,000 new jobs to the area by the end of the decade.

"These announcements are proof that the South Alabama Logistics Park was needed, and site development for economic development is vital to future success," said **David Rodgers**, vice president of economic development for the Mobile Chamber. "We are looking forward to many more economic development announcements to follow."