

Disease Control & Prevention: The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is headquartered in Atlanta. The world-renowned organization develops emergency response plans for communities in the event of a public health threat or act of bioterrorism, among its other responsibilities to ensure the control and prevention of disease in the United States and around the world.

Georgia's safety and security procedures and products not only protect the state's businesses and residents, but also ensure the safe delivery and execution of businesses and services traveling through the state. ■



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Georgia, often selected for high-profile national and international events, provides businesses, organizations, visitors and residents alike with an environment that encourages the development of safety and security procedures to protect people, products and services. From its rich history of supporting the U.S. military to its strong transportation and logistics network, Georgia's companies and government work to ensure the safety of everything and everyone that travels through the state.

Safety and Security

Prior to Atlanta hosting the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games, Georgia companies, government agencies and organizations worked to create new products and procedures to meet the security and safety needs for the world's largest sporting event. These products and procedures have been refined and honed and others have been implemented for other high profile events and for the ongoing safety and security of the state's residents, businesses and products.

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U.S. Military: Georgia is a stronghold for the United States Armed Forces and is currently home to 14 U.S. military installments from four of the five major branches of the military: U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, U.S. Marines and U.S. Navy. Due to this military presence, defense suppliers have established business operations near several of the military bases, which has in turn stimulated a demand for products to secure facilities and protect personnel.

Transportation & Logistics: Georgia's unsurpassed transportation and logistics network enables companies to move products throughout the state safely and efficiently. Georgia's two deepwater ports at Brunswick and Savannah, combined with inland barge operations in Bainbridge and Columbus, accelerate the pace of commerce. The Port of Savannah, the largest single-terminal container facility of its kind in the U.S. east and Gulf coasts, was the nation's fastest growing port between 2000 and 2005. Its compound annual growth rate of 16.5% over this period outpaced Charleston, Norfolk,

New York, Houston, Los Angeles and Seattle/Tacoma. Safety and security are vital to the growth of Georgia's ports and the state's economy. During the past five years, the Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) and its partners in federal, state, and local agencies, have dramatically improved security at Georgia's ports.

In just five years, the GPA has doubled its operating budget for security, including increased funds for more personnel, access controls and credentialing, and new cameras, motion detectors, fencing and lighting to prevent acts of terrorism.

Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport is the world's busiest passenger airport and the leading air cargo center, handling hundreds of thousands of tons of goods each year via 15 all-cargo carriers. The state is served by 15 interstate highways, three of which intersect each other in Atlanta. As a result of this excellent logistics infrastructure, *Logistics Today* magazine rated both Atlanta and Savannah as 5-Star



Logistics Metros in 2006. Security technology for Georgia's transportation and logistics network is refined and implemented on an ongoing basis to protect the products and people passing through the state.

By forging relationships between business pioneers, technology innovators, university researchers and state and federal leaders, the Maritime Logistics Innovation Center (MLIC) in Savannah connects problem holders and problem solvers. More than a think tank, MLIC creates an industry-driven

environment for idea generation and solution discovery - benefiting individual companies as well as the entire logistics industry. MLIC has created new and effective tools for ensuring safety and security such as container security devices, access control identification systems and biological and chemical weapons detection systems.