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*The Joint Development Authority of Butts County and Spalding
County Receives Award For
Regional Deal of the Year From
The Georgia Economic Developers Association*

ATLANTA (November 14, 2016) – The Georgia Economic Developers Association (GEDA) recognized The Joint Development Authority of Butts County and Spalding County (JDA) for an outstanding achievement in the location of a business in Georgia with regional impact. The JDA was recognized due to the announcement of the Dollar General Regional Distribution Center.

Expected to open in 2017, Dollar General will create 535 jobs at the under-construction, 1,000,000 square foot, \$85,000,000 facility along the Interstate 75 corridor in both Butts and Spalding Counties. The new JDA was formed to accommodate the project in order for the Development Authorities of both counties to officially of one voice. The JDA required extraordinary cooperation of both county commissions as well.

About the Award

This is now the ninth year that GEDA has recognized the major projects from the previous year. In what has become a major portion of the Annual Awards Ceremony – GEDA recognizes recipients in four categories:

- **SMALL** – a county with population 50,000 and under,
- **MID-SIZE** – a county with population 50,001 – 100,000,
- **LARGE** – a county with population over 100,000,
- **REGIONAL** – any multi-county effort.

The Deal of the Year Awards recognize outstanding achievement in the location or expansion of new businesses in the state of Georgia that meet community economic development goals and involve significant community program support, such as financial or permitting assistance, workforce development, state financial support, etc.

About GEDA

The Georgia Economic Developers Association is a nonprofit association of professionals, volunteers and supporters. The association provides networking and professional development opportunities for its members, and supports public policies that promote quality job creation and sustainable economic development throughout the state. For more information, visit www.geda.org.

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