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Griffin-Spalding Development Authority Honored at Awards Event

Atlanta, Georgia... The Griffin-Spalding Development Authority was honored as a Finalist in the Governor's International Awards 2016 ceremony tonight at the Atlanta History Center in the International Community category.

The Governor's International Awards honor achievements in international business. Atlanta Business Chronicle sponsored the 2016 awards in partnership with the Georgia Department of Economic Development and the World Trade Center Atlanta. Categories in the statewide competition were International Education Program, International Community, International Company of the Year in Small, Medium and Large categories by employee number, Woman in International Business, and Lifetime Achievement.

Industrial parks and "eco-friendly" are not phrases typically associated with each other; the Griffin-Spalding Development Authority is credited with helping to change that. The Authority began development of The Lakes at Green Valley through a local SPLOST initiative. The Park is now the only "eco" park in Georgia. Within 12 months, three Japanese manufacturing companies – Otsuka Chemical America Inc., Toppan USA Inc., and Marukan Vinegar (USA) Inc. - committed to locate in the park.

"The location of the companies in Griffin have created hundreds of manufacturing jobs and millions of dollars of capital investment in the area," according to Scott McMurray, Division Director, Global Commerce at the Georgia Department of Economic Development.

Chuck Copeland, GSDA Chair and David M. Luckie, Executive Director GSDA were both in

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attendance for the event. Chair Copeland said, “Not only was it an honor to be recognized as one of only three finalists for these statewide awards, it is a greater honor to our community that three Japanese companies so quickly recognized the strengths of our community and the quality of our business park, The Lakes at Green Valley.”

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