

## Fast Facts about the HUB Chamber Council

## **About The Hub Communities**

The Hub Chamber Council advocates and develops policy to support increased investment and job creation in regional job hubs across the state of Georgia and outside of Metro Atlanta. It is a joint effort between the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and the 11 Hub chambers of commerce. Hub Chambers are those which are located in a Georgia Hub Community: a metropolitan area outside of Metro Atlanta which serves as a job hub for its region of the state as well as centers of workforce development, education, defense, and economic development.

## Membership Includes Leadership From



Albany Area Chamber of Commerce
Athens Area Chamber of Commerce

Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce

Brunswick Golden-Isles Chamber of Commerce

Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce

**Greater Dalton Chamber of Commerce** 

**Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce** 

Rome-Floyd Chamber of Commerce

Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce

Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce

**Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce** 

The Hub communities house significant economic drivers for the state and represent a diverse group of businesses, experiencing unique challenges associated with both metropolitan and rural communities. They serve as centers of workforce development, education, defense and economic development.

## The Hub Communities...

- Are home to nearly 3,000,000 Georgians
- Contribute 22% of Georgia's Labor Force
- House 21 TCSG, 10 USG and 8 private schools, colleges and universities
- Are represented by 67 members of the Georgia General Assembly
- Host 9 of the 11 military and defense installations in the state
- Account for 21% of the state's small business sales
- Operate the largest single container port in North America
- · Operate one of the fastest growing auto ports in North America
- House the 3 largest hospitals outside of Metro Atlanta
- · Facilitate the state's trucking trade and transportation of goods by the state's 5 largest interstates

Hub communities are expected to experience up to a 25% increase in key working aged populations, and up to a 12% increase in job growth over the next 10 years, both of which will continue to drive workforce expansion and economic growth. As their regions continue to expand, the Hub Council members serve as thoughtful leaders for purposeful growth in their communities.