

# ***Augusta Activities***

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## **Kellogg's Announces Major Expansion at South Augusta Facility**

The Development Authority of Richmond County and Kellogg's announced on December 15th that the company plans to expand its South Augusta manufacturing facility, adding 80 new jobs and investing \$18,000,000. The announcement was made at a press conference following the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Development Authority.

As part of a \$51,000,000 industrial revenue bond with the Development Authority, Kellogg's will invest approximately \$18,000,000 in new equipment and expects to add the new jobs as soon as possible at their facility on Marvin Griffin Road, which produces cookies.

In making the announcement, Development Authority Chairman Loren Perry said, "The Kellogg's leadership looked at Richmond County, saw the excellent workforce, top-notch training opportunities, convenient transportation and the production possibilities, and made the right decision to invest in Augusta. Today is truly a great day in Richmond County."

Walter Sprouse, the Executive Director of the Development Authority of Richmond County, said, "This project started last April, and there was a team of players working to make this major expansion possible for Augusta. Wendy Bibb of the Georgia Department of Economic Development, John Perryman of Georgia Power, Laurie Davis of the Development Authority staff, attorneys Jerry Dye and Jim Comerford, Tim McGee of the Kellogg's Augusta plant, and other Kellogg's representatives in Augusta and in Battle Creek made this expansion a reality."

McGee, the Augusta Plant Manager, said, "We are proud of our track record at Augusta. Thanks to our strong workforce and the cooperation with the Development Authority of Richmond County, we're very pleased to share the good news that we will be growing both our volume and our team."

The Kellogg Company is the world's leading producer of cereal and a leading producer of convenience foods, including cookies, crackers, toaster pastries, cereal bars, frozen waffles, and meat alternatives. The company's brands include *Kellogg's*, *Keebler*, *Pop-Tarts*, *Eggo*, *Murray*, *Austin*, *Morningstar Farms*, *Famous Amos*, *Carr's*, *Ready Crust* and *Kashi*. Kellogg products are manufactured in 17 countries and marketed in more than 180 countries around the world. For more information, visit Kellogg's web site at [www.kelloggcompany.com](http://www.kelloggcompany.com).

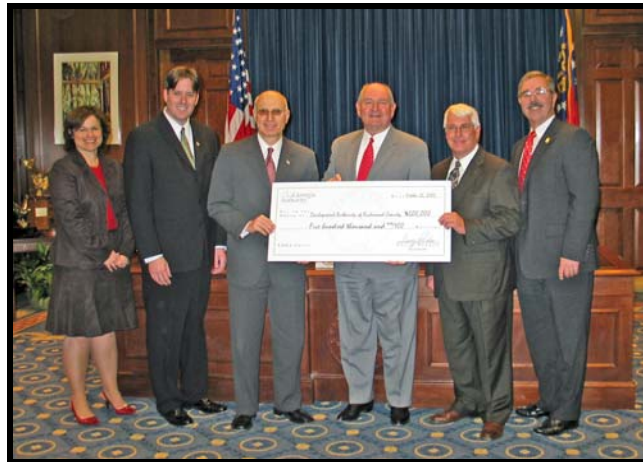
## **Its Been Quite A Year**

The Development Authority of Richmond County experienced one of the best years ever in 2005, with announced investments in Augusta of more than \$200,000,000 and more than 1600 new jobs created. It was the best year since 1993 for the local economy, according to Development Authority records.

The year was highlighted by the announcement of NBTY's new manufacturing facility, with an investment of up to \$40,000,000 and more than 250 new jobs. Additionally, the Village at Riverwatch announced investments of more than \$110,000,000 and more than 800 new retail jobs. Castleberry's announcement this past spring of new investment of \$9,000,000 and 60 new jobs added greatly to a successful year.

A complete listing of all investments and job creation totals will be forthcoming in the 2005 Annual Report by the Development Authority.

## **Development Authority and NBTY Receive OneGeorgia Grant from Governor Perdue**



Governor Sonny Perdue presents the OneGeorgia EDGE Grant to Harvey Kamil, President of NBTY. The grant will be used to assist NBTY in the location of their new manufacturing facility to Augusta. Left to right: Nancy Shores, NBTY Director of Real Estate and Counsel; Matthew Patterson, Georgia Department of Economic Development; Mr. Kamil; Governor Perdue; Development Authority Chairman Loren Perry and Executive Director Walt Sprouse.

## **Economic Outlook Scheduled**

The Augusta Regional Economic Outlook, presented by the Terry School of Business at the University of Georgia, is scheduled for January 6, 2006 at the Radisson Riverfront Hotel. For the first time, the Development Authority of Richmond County will be one of the primary sponsors.

The event will highlight the accomplishments of the economy for the Augusta area for 2005. Plus, the Terry School of Business will make their annual predictions of the business outlook for the coming year. Mark Vitner, Vice President and Senior Economist for Wachovia Corporation, will be the speaker.

Tickets are available from the Terry School of Business by calling 706-425-3051, or go to [www.terry.uga.edu/exec\\_ed/](http://www.terry.uga.edu/exec_ed/).