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## **AUGUSTA NAMED AS ONE OF THE TOP TEN LOCATIONS IN THE SOUTH FOR TALENTED LABOR**

The Development Authority of Richmond County announced today that *Southern Business & Development* magazine, one of the premier economic development magazines in the United States, has named Augusta as one of the “**Top Ten Places in the South With Plenty of Talented Labor**”. Today’s announcement was made in conjunction with the magazine’s Spring 2006 issue featuring the “Top Tens” in various categories.

Augusta was ranked second, just behind McAllen, Texas, in the Top Ten Talented Labor list for 2006.

Mike Randle, publisher of *Southern Business and Development*, wrote, “You can’t underestimate the positive impact of a U.S. military base on a local labor pool, and Augusta is one of many examples in our Top 10 this year. With the U.S. Army’s

Signal Corps headquarters training all military branch personnel at Fort Gordon, Augusta employers are in the catbird's seat when it comes to accessing talented workers. The Signal Corps trains personnel in telecommunications, electronics, computers and logistics, making ready a diverse pool of military officers that re-enter the civilian workforce each year. Some of America's most well-known brands, like Procter & Gamble, Kellogg's and SOLO/Sweetheart Cup are tapping into Augusta's talented workforce. This market combines a diverse economy with one of the strongest educational and medical communities in the South (Medical College of Georgia, 10 hospitals and three colleges and universities call Augusta home)"

Loren Perry, Chairman of the Development Authority of Richmond County, said the magazine's ranking of Augusta in the Top Ten was welcome news. Perry said, "Now the country knows what Augusta businesses have known for years. Augusta is an excellent place to find a quality workforce, thanks to the training of Fort Gordon, Augusta Technical College, Georgia's QuickStart Program, and the higher education opportunities at Paine College and Augusta State University."

Walt Sprouse, Executive Director of the Development Authority of Richmond County, said, "We constantly promote the quality of the workforce in Augusta to our site selection consultants and business prospects. This article will allow us to market our area even better."

In the same issue, the Augusta Corporate Park was named as one of the "Top Ten New SuperSites in the South" for large industrial properties marketed to large industrial prospects.

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