

WHY DUBLIN/LAURENS COUNTY?

Dublin-Laurens County, Georgia was featured in the Winter 2000 publication of *Southern Business and Development* magazine:

DUBLIN/LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA

"This magazine has profiled many successful rural communities throughout the South over the years in an effort to offer you information on alternative solutions to your site search. Some of those exceptionally attractive rural communities rival midsized cities in the number of deals they turn each and every year. But attracting industry is only part of the equation. Keeping them in your community by helping them remain prosperous year after year is the other part.

"No one knows better about Dublin/ Laurens County's long term commitment to industry than Bob Murphy, Director of Operations for Rockwell Automation. He sums up that commitment: 'Rockwell Automation has benefitted tremendously for over 20 years by having one of the finest advanced technology industrial automation workforces in the world — and we have the people of Dublin, Ga., to thank for it! The difference is our people who are young, energetic and easy to train which makes our future look great.' It's that same commitment made to Rockwell that has Dublin/Laurens County poised to remain one of the best locations in the South you've never heard of in your life.

"Dublin/Laurens County, we've found, is one of the most friendly, dedicated and attractive places to live and work that we've seen in eight years of traveling the South. Officials with the county don't just talk about the present when touting their location's appeal to business. They talk about their commitment now as well as down the road. And for any forward thinking industry executive, that's where the rubber meets the road.

"For example, one of Dublin/Laurens County's most notable corporate announcements came in January when Best Buy, the nation's leading retailer of consumer electronics, announced it would build a \$40 million, 700,000 square-foot distribution center in the county. At the announcement ceremony, a Best Buy official said 'Once we decided to build in a city we're going to be there for a very, very long time.'" In response, a Laurens County official stated. 'We're going to be good partners with you not only today, but 10 years, 20 years, 30 years from now.' While you may think to yourself that's a standard response, you're right, it is. However, there is a certain honesty about Dublin/Laurens County that's hard to explain. It's an intangible that's ... well, a tangible. Our experience with Dublin officials has convinced us that when they say they are going to be with you down the road, they mean it!

"Dublin/Laurens County is located less than two hours from Atlanta and about one hour and 15 minutes from Savannah on Interstate 16 in central Georgia. Site

inventory consists of a 1,200- acre industrial park, with 300 acres remaining for development. A new, state-of-the-art, 60,000 square-foot expandable building is available in the park that features a 28' ceiling. In addition, a \$7 million, 60,000 square foot Regional Business and Industry Training Center, featuring a 110-seat Distance Learning Classroom has just been completed."



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