

Fresh Perspectives on Economic Development in Georgia

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■ What statewide nanoscale policy initiatives make sense for Georgia?

Learn the answers on September 10, 2008, when three Georgia Tech graduate students present results of their summer internship research projects. We invite you to join other economic developers and policy-makers in attending the interns' readout sessions at Technology Square in midtown Atlanta.

Admission is free and a complimentary lunch will be served.

What: Presentation of STIP Intern Research Projects
When: Wednesday, September 10, 2008
Lunch: 11 a.m. • **Presentations:** 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Where: Hodges Connections Room, 75 5th Street, NW, Third Floor, Atlanta
(RSVP information below)

■ How will recent deepening of the Brunswick port, as well as related infrastructure projects, affect both the Georgia industries served by the port and the wider state economy?

Ashley Rivera, a master's degree student at Georgia Tech's School of Public Policy, researched several infrastructure improvements at the Port of Brunswick to determine what impact these investments might have on economic development in the region and the state. The Port of Brunswick is a niche port that does not handle containers. Two other niche ports – one in California and one in Denmark – were examined for best practices and innovative initiatives that might apply to the Port of Brunswick.



■ Can use of better lighting technologies save electricity and reduce greenhouse gases in Georgia?

Ogundiran Soumonni is a doctoral student at Georgia Tech's School of Public Policy, and his project examined policy initiatives related to promoting lighting efficiency that the state can use to reduce electricity consumption with associated reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. He examined various lighting technologies and estimated the potential reduction in electricity usage in the residential sector through replacing incandescent with compact fluorescent lighting.



■ What statewide nanoscale policy initiatives make sense for Georgia?

Rick McKeon, a master's degree student at Georgia Tech's School of Public Policy, researched state-driven initiatives to further the development of nanoscale technologies and enhance their economic development opportunities. Best practices in several key states were examined to provide Georgia policy-makers with information to coordinate nanoscale science, engineering, and technology research and thereby improve the state's ability to leverage its assets in nanotechnology. (In association with the Georgia Tech Program in Nanotechnology Research and Innovation Systems Assessment, Center for Nanotechnology and Society CNS-ASU.)



Internship Selection Committee

- Dr. Cathryn Meehan, President, Southeastern Technical College
- Mr. Greg Torre, Director, Small Business and Innovation Division, Georgia Department of Economic Development
- Ms. Pat Simms, Manager, Community Development – Metro, Georgia Power Company

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