

SB&D 100 Special Recognition

In calendar year 2022, new and familiar players (almost all of which are rural, small and mid-markets) earned special recognition for their efforts in economic development in the South. Here are the states and markets from the tiniest hamlets to the largest markets in the South that captured the most important job- and investment-generating projects in 2022.



State Markets

"State of the Year"
Georgia

Honorable Mention

Alabama
Kentucky
Louisiana
North Carolina
Tennessee
Virginia

On October 25, 2022, Georgia's Gov. Brian Kemp (far right) broke ground on Hyundai Motor Group's first fully dedicated electric vehicle (EV) and battery manufacturing facility -- the largest economic development project in Georgia history.

Major Markets

750,000 – 2.499 million MSA, CSA
population

Major Market of the Year

Richmond CSA, Va.

LEGO

Plenty, Inc.

Thermo Fisher Scientific

Lutron Electronics

AutoZone

Walgreens

Special Recognition Major Markets

Baton Rouge, La. MSA

Clean Hydrogen Works

CF Industries

Origin Materials

BASF

TDP Group

Arbor Renewable Gas

Louisville, Ky. MSA

Ford Motor

Confluent Health

Quadrant

Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dobson Technologies

PurFoods

Signify Health

Charleston, S.C.

Redwood Materials

Nucor

Walmart

Greenville, S.C. MSA

BMW

Greenridge Generation

Bosch

MycoWorks

Austin, Texas

CeLink

Amazon

Fairfax County, Va.

22nd Century Tech

SmartRoof

Hilton

Loudoun County, Va.

Hanley Energy

Google

Mid-Markets

250,000 – 749,999 MSA population

Mid-Market of the Year

Montgomery, Ala.
 Mobis Powertrain
 Hyundai TRANSYS
 Manna Beverages
 Hyundai Motor
 Diageo

Special Recognition Mid-Markets

Huntsville, Ala. CSA
 United Launch Alliance
 First Solar
 Toyota Motor Alabama

Northern Kentucky CSA
 Fidelity Investments
 Levi Strauss
 Amazon

Greensboro, N.C. MSA
 Toyota
 Boom Supersonic
 Volvo

Mobile, Ala.-Baldwin County, Ala. CSA
 Airbus Americas
 Novelis

Clarksville, Tenn.-Hopkinsville, Ky. MSA
 LG Chem
 Ascend Elements

Berkeley County, S.C.
 Redwood Materials
 Nucor

Spartanburg County, S.C.
 BMW
 Greenridge Generation

Chesterfield County, Va.
 LEGO
 Plenty, Inc.

Small Markets

50,000 – 249,999 population

Small Market of the Year

Ascension Parish, La.
 Clean Hydrogen Works
 CF Industries
 Origin Materials
 BASF

Special Recognition Small Markets

Lowndes County, Miss.
 Steel Dynamics
 Altex Tube
 Terberg Taylor

Newton County, Ga.
 Archer Aviation
 Cinelease Studios
 Absolics

Chatham County, N.C.
 Wolfspeed
 Vinfast

Randolph County, N.C.
 Toyota

Catawba County, N.C.
 Microsoft

Rowan County, N.C.
 Macy's

Bulloch County, Ga.
 Joon Georgia
 Aspen Aerogels

DeSoto County, Miss.
 Standvast Fulfillment
 Walmart

Bryan County, Ga.
 Hyundai Mobis

Bartow County, Ga.
 Hyundai SK

Dalton, Ga.
 Qcells

Bowling Green, Ky.
 Envision AESC

Laurel County, Ky.
 Sazerac

Henry County, Va.
 Schock

Jackson, Tenn.
 Georgia Pacific

Cedar Hill, Texas
 Pratt Industries

Dorchester County, S.C.
 Walmart

Anderson, S.C.
 Bosch

Rural Markets

Under 50,000 population

Rural Market of the Year

Mississippi County, Ark.
 Tenaris
 Highbar

Special Recognition Rural Markets

Cameron Parish, La.
 Venture Global

St. Bernard Parish, La.
 Port NOLA

Henderson, Ky.
 Pratt Industries

Nelson County, Ky.
 Beam Suntory

Todd County, Ky.
 Novelis

Colleton County, S.C.
 Kontrolmatik

Union County, S.C.
 MycoWorks

Stone County, Miss.
 Enviva

Amite County, Miss.
 CLAW Forestry

Van Buren, Ark.
 Simmons Foods

Lawrence County, Ala.
 First Solar

Accomack County, Va.
 Rocket Lab USA

New Kent County, Va.
 AutoZone

Caroline County, Va.
 World Class Distribution

Buchanan County, Va.
 Coronado Global

Warren County, Tenn.
 Bridgestone

Monroe County, Tenn.
 Red Stag