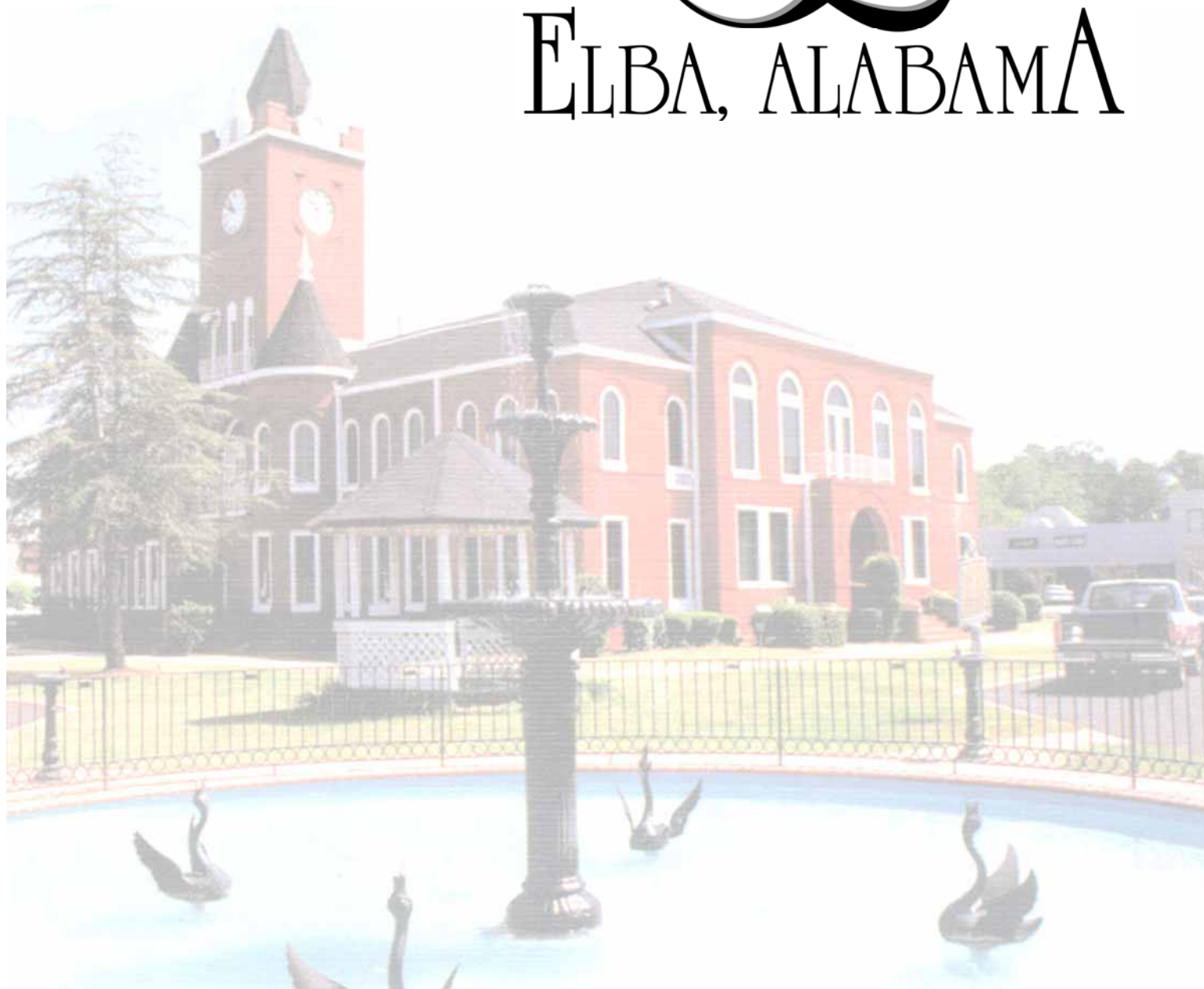


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*Near to several large metropolitan areas,  
Elba remains a friendly, pastoral "small town".*

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Section 1

**LOCATION**



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- To Interstate 10
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- One of the Lowest Crime Rates in the Nation
- One of the Best City School Systems in Alabama
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- Old-Fashion Southern Hospitality
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# The Location

Elba is located in Coffee County in the Southeastern corner of Alabama, just 90 miles south of Montgomery, the state capital, and 90 miles north of the white sand beaches of Florida's Gulf Coast. Elba is conveniently accessible by highways or air to such metropolitan centers of the south as Atlanta, New Orleans, Mobile and Birmingham—all within an hour and a half flight time. U.S. Highway 84 runs east and west through Elba. U.S. Highway 231 is a short 30 miles away, and links up with major interstates that are nearby. I-10 is within 50 miles, I-65 and I-85 are approximately 75 miles away.

Highway mileages to selected cities in the southeastern United States are given below:

## Distance From Elba In Miles:

|              |     |             |     |
|--------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| Atlanta      | 231 | Mobile      | 181 |
| Birmingham   | 184 | Montgomery  | 92  |
| Huntsville   | 285 | Nashville   | 376 |
| Jacksonville | 294 | New Orleans | 323 |
| Memphis      | 437 | Tampa       | 403 |

|                                   |                                      |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Average Annual Temperature .....  | 66° F                                |
| Average January Temperature.....  | 48° F                                |
| Average July Temperature.....     | 80° F                                |
| Average Annual Precipitation..... | 49 inches rain, 0 inches snow        |
| Length of Growing Season .....    | 263 days                             |
| Prevailing Wind Direction .....   | East (light)                         |
| Elevation .....                   | 210-373 feet above sea level         |
| Latitude .....                    | 31:24:57      Longitude.....86:05:34 |



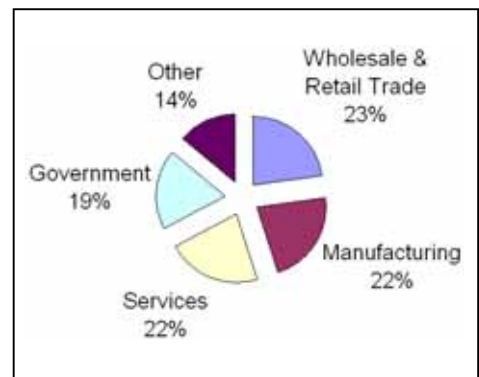
# The Advantages of Rural Locations are Striking

- Lower Operating Costs
- Affordable Land Cost
- Higher Quality of Life
- Motivated Workers
- Reduced Crime
- More Room for Expansion
- Lower Rent Rates and Property Costs
- Lower Employee Acquisition Cost
- Availability of a Variety of Tax Incentives
- Lower Taxes
- Typically Lower Costs of Housing and Cost of Living
- Easier Access to Decision Makers

Advances in telecommunications and networked computing make sites in rural Alabama just as tuned into the world as offices located in large metropolitan areas.

## MADE IN ALABAMA

Alabama enjoys a healthy mix of economic activities, with 23% of its workers involved in wholesale and retail trade, 22% in manufacturing, and another 22% in services. Government jobs employ 19%.



Picture a state with seemingly unlimited natural resources. Odds are good that you chose Alaska, which has a greater share of natural resources than any other state. Many people are surprised, however, to learn that the state ranked second to none other than ALABAMA. The state's twenty-two (22) million acres of forest land rank it third in the nation. Alabama also has valuable deposits of limestone, marble, and other minerals. Its water supply exceeds the state's usage by a factor of twenty. Water, in fact, represents a significant means of cargo

transportation in Alabama, which has more miles of navigable waterways than any other U.S. state. The Port of Mobile is the closet Gulf of Mexico port to the East Coast and Europe and ranks 14th among the nation's deepwater ports. Other transportation links are efficient as well. Some 70% of the nation's population is within two days ground travel, thanks to Alabama's five interstates and 21,000 total miles of federal highways. More than 5,000 miles of railroad track cross the state, with four Class I railroads in operation. In addition, air connections are available at Alabama's seven commercial airports, including Birmingham International, which is in the midst of \$200 million worth of improvements.

Alabama boasts excellent access to the Information Superhighway. The state had an early on-ramp to the *Infobahn*; and was one of the firsts to develop ISDN service to transfer voice, data and video simultaneously. Elba enjoys the speed of cable internet access that Charter Digital Cable provides to the community.

### **WELCOMING BUSINESS**

Alabama legislators did not just jump on the pro-business bandwagon, they have been leading the band for the past five decades. Pro-business legislation and policies enacted over time have done much for industry growth and productivity. For example, an industrial financing program allows a tax credit of 5% of capital costs for 20 years when large businesses invest \$2 million in a project, as well as when small companies pump \$1 million into an expansion. New and expanding manufactures may also benefit from industrial site preparation grants. Other boosts come from the ad valorem tax exemption enjoyed by raw materials and finished goods. Further tax and non-tax incentives go to companies that locate in the state's enterprise zones. In addition, companies expanding in Alabama may qualify for start-up assistance and bond financing.

## Section 2

# COMMUNITY DATA

# Demographic Data

Counties within a 40 mile radius of Elba, Alabama:  
(numbers in thousands)

|                  | 1995   | 2000   | 2005   | 2010   |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Under 19 years   | 53.11  | 53.24  | 52.94  | 52.98  |
| Age 20 to 34     | 38.23  | 37.00  | 36.53  | 36.88  |
| Age 35 to 49     | 35.36  | 36.73  | 35.96  | 34.09  |
| Age 50 to 64     | 22.79  | 27.00  | 31.61  | 35.36  |
| Age 65 and over  | 22.88  | 23.47  | 24.68  | 27.08  |
|                  |        |        |        |        |
| White Population | 119.81 | 121.99 | 123.97 | 126.12 |
| Black Population | 50.40  | 52.77  | 55.09  | 57.48  |
|                  |        |        |        |        |
| Median Age       | 33.51  | 34.53  | 35.40  | 36.03  |
|                  |        |        |        |        |

# Income Data for Coffee County

| COFFEE COUNTY                                  | 1995      | 2000      | 2005      | 2010      |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Income Per Capita<br>(current \$)              | 18,406    | 23,253    | 30,121    | 39,530    |
|  |           |           |           |           |
| Retail Sales Per Household<br>(1987 \$)        | 35,552    | 38,145    | 41,278    | 44,790    |
|  |           |           |           |           |
| Households with Income<br>\$20,000 and greater | 10,440    | 11,760    | 13,330    | 15,150    |
|  |           |           |           |           |
| Total Retail Sales —<br>Apparel Accessories    | 13.16 mil | 15.94 mil | 19.02 mil | 22.40 mil |
|  |           |           |           |           |

# Population, Income and Education in Elba

## POPULATION

### CITY OF ELBA

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| 2000:            | 4,185 |
| Previous Decade: | 4,011 |
| Decade:          | 4,355 |

### COFFEE COUNTY

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| 2000:            | 43,615 |
| Previous Decade: | 40,240 |
| Decade:          | 44,850 |

## MSA

*Estimated Present Population (30 miles): 164,330*

## INCOME

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Households in County: | 18,299   |
| Average Household:    | \$50,549 |

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| Per Capita:       | \$20,808 |
| Median Household: | \$36,510 |

## EDUCATION

*Elba City Schools (school year 2000)*

*Student/Teacher Ratio*

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Elementary:        | 15:1 |
| High School:       | 18:1 |
| Vo-Tech:           | 15:1 |
| Private/Parochial: | 1    |

## POST SECONDARY EDUCATION

| School Name                     | Type              | Location              | Distance        |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Enterprise-Ozark C. C.</i>   | <i>Community</i>  | <i>Enterprise, AL</i> | <i>16 miles</i> |
| <i>Lurleen B. Wallace C. C.</i> | <i>Community</i>  | <i>Opp, AL</i>        | <i>16 miles</i> |
| <i>Lurleen B. Wallace C. C.</i> | <i>Community</i>  | <i>Andalusia, AL</i>  | <i>32 miles</i> |
| <i>Troy University</i>          | <i>University</i> | <i>Troy, AL</i>       | <i>31 miles</i> |

# Government, Fire/Police/Sheriff, Financial

## GOVERNMENT

City: Council

County: County Commission

|                          | City   | County |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| Land Use Regulations     | Yes    |        |
| Zoning Ordinances?       | Yes    | No     |
| Subdivision Regulations? | Yes    | N/A    |
| w/Design Standards?      | Yes    | Yes    |
| Planning Commission?     | Yes    | No     |
| Garbage Collection?      | Yes    | Yes    |
| Public Library?          | Yes    | No     |
| No. of Volumes?          | 17,000 | N/A    |

## FIRE PROTECTION

Volunteers: 28

Fire Insurance Rating: 6

Fire Protection for Industry Outside City Limits? Yes

## POLICE/SHERIFF

Full-Time Personnel: 21

Patrol Cars: 5

Police Patrol Service for Industry Outside City Limits? Yes

Emergency Medical Service Paramedics? Yes

911 or E911: Yes

## FINANCIAL INSTUTIONS

|                           | No. | Assets            |
|---------------------------|-----|-------------------|
| Holding Company Banks     | 1   | N/A               |
| Other Banks               | 2   | mil               |
| Savings/Loan Associations | 1   | \$289,395,000 mil |



# Transportation, Utilities, Water, Waterways & Air

## TRANSPORTATION

*Highways Serving Community:*

| INTERSTATES |          | US HIGHWAYS |          | STATE HIGHWAYS |          |
|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|----------------|----------|
| Number      | Distance | Number      | Distance | Number         | Distance |
| I-10        | 68 miles | US 231      | 25 miles | SR 125         | 0 miles  |
| I-65        | 57 miles | US 84       | 0 miles  | SR 189         | 0 miles  |
|             |          | US 87       | 0 miles  |                |          |

## UTILITIES

*Electricity Supplier:*

*Alabama Electric Co-op*

*Electricity Distributor:*

*City of Elba Utility Department*

*Natural Gas Supplier:*

*Southern Natural Gas*

*Natural Gas Distributor:*

*Southeast Alabama Gas District*

## WATER SERVICE

Water Department Name:

*City of Elba Utility Department*

Capacity:

2 MGD

Average Daily Consumption:

1 MGD

Peak Consumption:

1 MGD

Storage Capacity:

1.5 Million Gallons

Source:

5 Wells

Type:

Deep Wells

## WATERWAYS

Name:

*Pea River (Recreational Use)*

Miles to:

1

Nav.:

No

River Miles to Port:

60

Port Name:

Columbia State Docks

## AIR SERVICE

Municipal Service:

Carl Folsom (Elba)

Longest Runway:

3,000 Feet

Surface:

Paved

Lighted:

Yes

Aircraft Tie Downs:

Yes

ILS:

No

Hangars:

Yes

Repair Facilities:

Yes

**Nearest Commercial Service:**  
**Dothan, AL (45 miles from Elba)**

**Major Carriers:**

*Delta Connection*  
*Northwest Airlink*  
*American*  
*Continental*  
*United*

*Delta*  
*Northwest*  
*Southwest*  
*TWA Express*  
*US Airways*

# Sanitation, Freight, Communications, Medical, Lodging

## SANITATION

Sanitation Department Name: *City of Elba Utility Department*  
Sewage Treatment Plant Type: 10 acre/2 cell Lagoon  
Capacity: 1 MGD  
Present Load: 70% of Capacity  
Sanitary Sewer Coverage: 98%  
Storm Sewer Capacity: 90%  
Solid Waste Disposal: Sanitary Landfill

## MOTOR FREIGHT

No. of Motor Freight Carriers with Local Terminals: 1  
Local Bus Service: Yes  
Interstate Bus Service: Yes  
Parcel Service: Yes

## COMMUNICATIONS

Local Telephone Provider: *CenturyTel*  
Cellular Service: Yes  
Post Office Classification: First Class  
Newspaper: *The Elba Clipper* (weekly)  
Radio Stations: 1 AM & 1 FM  
Television Stations: 5 local  
Cable Service: Yes

## MEDICAL

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Elba General Hospital</b> | <b>Elba General Nursing Home</b>                      |
| Number of Hospital Beds: 20  | Number of Beds: 111                                   |
| <b>Medical Personnel</b>     | <b>Taylor Mill Oaks Assisted Living</b>               |
| Physicians: 3                | Number of Beds: 16                                    |
| Dentists: 2                  | <b>Nearest Regional Medical Facilities</b> (45 miles) |
|                              | Southeast Alabama Medical Center, Dothan              |
|                              | Flowers Hospital, Dothan                              |

## LODGING & FACILITIES

|                           | No. | No. of Rooms |
|---------------------------|-----|--------------|
| Bed & Breakfasts:         | 2   | 6            |
| Motels:                   | 1   | 18           |
| Restaurants:              | 7   |              |
| Meeting Rooms:            | Yes |              |
| Auditoriums:              | Yes |              |
| Largest Seating Capacity: | 650 |              |

# Religion, Recreation, Resources, Taxes

## CHURCHES and SYNAGOGUES

|             |    |         |   |
|-------------|----|---------|---|
| Protestant: | 15 | Jewish: | 0 |
| Catholic:   | 0  | Other:  | 0 |

## RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| Country Clubs:       | Yes  |
| Golf Courses:        | Yes  |
| Movie Theaters:      | No   |
| Tennis Courts:       | Yes  |
| Ball Fields:         | Yes  |
| Swimming Pools:      | Yes  |
| Health Clubs:        | Yes  |
| Parks:               | Yes  |
| Skating Rinks:       | Yes  |
| Amateur Theaters:    | No   |
| Nearest State Park:  | <i>Eufaula State Park</i> (Distance: 73 miles) |
| Nearest Public Lake: | <i>Coffee County Lake</i> (Distance: 6 miles)  |

## MAJOR NATURAL RESOURCES

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Minerals Mined:              | Sand and Gravel               |
| Timber Types:                | Loblolly, Shortleaf Pine, Oak |
| Major Agricultural Products: | Broilers, Peanuts, Cattle     |

## SALES TAX DETAIL

|         |       |
|---------|-------|
| City:   | 3.00% |
| County: | 1.00% |
| State:  | 4.00% |

## INCOME & OCCUPATIONAL TAX DETAIL

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| City Occupational:   | 0.00%          |
| County Occupational: | 0.00%          |
| State Corporate:     | 6.50%          |
| State Individual:    | Minimum: 2.00% |
|                      | Maximum: 5.00% |

# Largest County Employers

| NAME                              | PRODUCT/SERVICE               | AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Pilgrims Pride                    | Poultry Processing & Feed     | 941                         |
| Wayne Farms                       | Integrated Poultry Processing | 598                         |
| Utility Trailer Manufacturing     | Trailers                      | 250                         |
| Kelley Foods of Alabama, Inc.     | Food Distribution             | 161                         |
| Bridgeville Trailers              | Trailers                      | 140                         |
| H S Alabama Automotive            | Auto Weather Strip & Hoses    | 137                         |
| Pridecraft Enterprise, Inc.       | Hospital Apparel              | 130                         |
| National Security Insurance Group | Insurance                     | 125                         |
| Toledo Molding & Die, Inc.        | Automotive parts              | 120                         |
| Dura Cast, Inc.                   | Lead & Zinc Die Casting       | 111                         |

## AREA INDUSTRY

Number of Manufacturers: 45  
 Total Manufacturing Employment: 6,020

## COUNTY LABOR ANALYSIS (for 1995)

Civilian Labor Force: 20,173  
 Male 52%  
 Employment 19,111  
 Female 48%  
 Unemployment 1,062  
 Minority 17%  
 Unemployment Rate 5.3%

## Section 3

# SITE

# The Industrial Site Advantages

Elba's Industrial Park consists of 315 acres with 225 under option, with full utilities and excellent highway access.

A Phase I environmental impact study has been conducted, and is available upon request. Restrictive covenants are established to protect industry investments.

Subdivisions are available with flexible lot layouts.

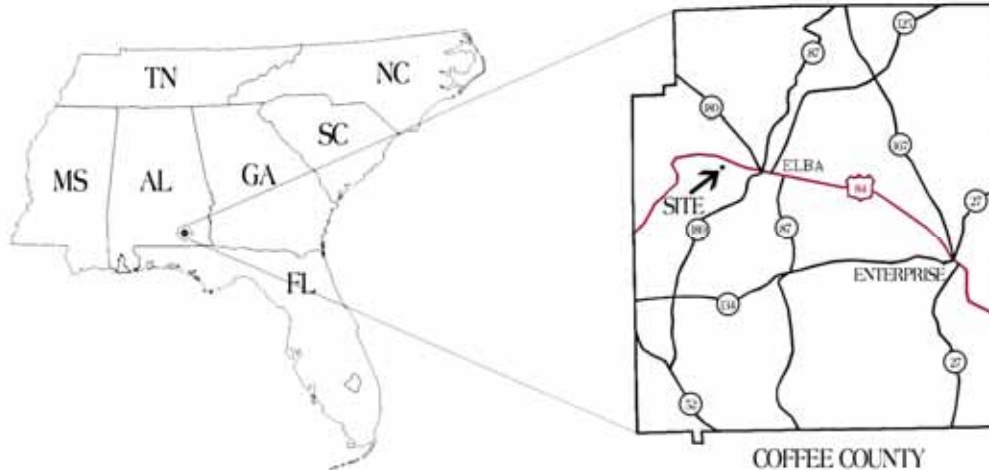
Other industrial sites may be available from individual developers. The Elba Economic Development Corporation will assist in identifying other potential sites.

Pricing: Ranges from \$2,500 to \$5,000 per acre (negotiable).

Owner: Elba Industrial Development Board/City of Elba

# Elba Industrial Park

AVAILABLE INDUSTRIAL SITE - 315 ACRES



ELBA, COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA



## Section 4

# WORK FORCE

# Work Force

Elba has a skilled work force consisting of sheet-metal workers, welders, assemblers and machinists. Training is available for employees in a variety of areas and programs can be tailored to suit your needs.

## Prevailing Wage Rates and Labor Availability:

| Category       | Hourly Rate | Level of Availability |
|----------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Skilled        | \$8.50      | Good                  |
| Unskilled      | \$6.25      | Good                  |
| Supervisory    | \$12-\$15   | Good                  |
| Clerical       | \$7-\$9     | Good                  |
| Administrative | \$10-\$12   | Good                  |
| Managerial     | \$15-\$25   | Fair                  |

## Section 5

# COMMUNITY SERVICES

# City of Elba

## Schedule of Elba Water and Electric Board Organization and Rate Structure

### RATE SCHEDULES

*Effective May 1, 2005*

| CITY OF ELBA WATER RATES |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| First 2,500 gallons      | \$8.50 minimum           |
| Next 2,500 gallons       | \$3.25 per 1,000 gallons |
| Next 3,000 gallons       | \$2.20 per 1,000 gallons |
| Next 2,000 gallons       | \$1.65 per 1,000 gallons |
| Next 10,000 gallons      | \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons |
| Next 980,000 gallons     | \$1.30 per 1,000 gallons |
| All over 1,000,000 gals. | \$1.05 per 1,000 gallons |

| RURAL WATER RATES   |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| First 2,500 gallons | \$10.50 minimum          |
| Next 2,500 gallons  | \$3.75per 1,000 gallons  |
| Next 3,000 gallons  | \$2.70 per 1,000 gallons |
| Next 2,000 gallons  | \$2.15 per 1,000 gallons |
| Next 10,000 gallons | \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons |
| Over 20,000 gallons | \$2.40 per 1,000 gallons |

- Any tap over 1" - Work up a price to include the boring fee (if needed) plus 15% add on fee.
- All tapping fees are subject to a \$50.00 fee if the tap disturbs the roadway.
- All tapping fees are subject to the cost of back flow preventor.
- The fee will be doubled if a four-lane highway has to be cut.
- If the roadway has to be bored under, the customer will be charged the cost.

### WATER TAPPING FEES

*Effective May 1, 2004*

|      |          |
|------|----------|
| 3/4" | \$450.00 |
| 1"   | \$650.00 |

# Sewer Rates

## RESIDENTIAL RATES

|                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| First 2,000 gallons | \$8.00 minimum           |
| Next 3,000 gallons  | \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons |
| Next 7,000 gallons  | \$1.10 per 1,000 gallons |
| Over 12,000 gallons | No charge                |

## COMMERCIAL RATES

|                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| First 3,000 gallons | \$14.00 minimum          |
| Over 3,000 gallons  | \$1.20 per 1,000 gallons |

The above rate schedules will produce an average bill of \$14.00 based on 5,000 gallons.

# Garbage and Trash Rates

*Effective November 1, 2005*

## Residential

\$12.00 Monthly

## Small Commercial

\$21.00 Monthly

## Large Commercial

Each location for each place of business, from which more than two cubic yards of garbage and trash is collected and removed on each or any scheduled day, shall be determined by the Council. The determined amount shall be based on volume of garbage and trash collected.

## Extra Garbage Cans

\$8.00 each

## Other Miscellaneous Charges

If a customer lives outside the City Limits of Elba and it is requested by Coffee County that we pick up their household garbage, the fee will be \$15.00.

The City of Elba will pick up old tires at a rate of \$5.00 per tire at residences. This charge will be added to the customer's utility bill.

## Exemption or Reduction

When the total household income is solely dependent upon Social Security there shall be an exemption. When the total household income is \$8,500 or less, there shall be a charge of \$6.00.

# Electrical Service

## **RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC SERVICE**

*Effective October 1, 2005*

\$10.00 basic flat rate, plus \$.076 per kWh

## **SMALL COMMERCIAL SERVICE**

*Effective October 1, 2005*

\$12.00 basic flat rate, plus \$.081 per kWh

## **LARGE COMMERCIAL SERVICE**

### **Demand Charges:**

\$8.50 per kW for the first 100 kW of billing capacity, plus

\$8.10 per kW for all over 100 kW of billing capacity, plus

### **Energy Charges:**

*Effective April 1, 2001*

\$.055 per kWh for the first 3,000 kWh, plus

\$.049 per kWh for the next 12,000 kWh, plus

\$.043 per kWh for all over 15,000 kWh.

## **MINIMUM BILL**

The minimum bill shall not be less than that computed from 75% of the largest demand in KVA (Kilo Volt Amps) established during the proceeding 11 months.

NOTE: Must go six (6) consecutive months at 5,000 kWh to be billed at this rate.



# Industrial Electric Service

## DEMAND CHARGES

\$8.00 per KVA for the first 1,000 KVA of billing capacity, plus  
\$7.75 per KVA for all over 1,000 KVA of billing capacity, plus

## ENERGY CHARGES

*Effective April 1, 2001*

\$.049 per kWh for the first 100,000 kWh, plus  
\$.043 per kWh for the next 200,000 kWh, plus  
\$.031 per kWh for all over 300,000 kWh.

## MINIMUM BILL

The minimum bill shall not be less than that computer from 75% of the largest demand in KVA established during the proceeding 11 months.

The above charges for demand shall be reduced by 20¢ per KVA whenever the consumer furnishes all transformation facilities supplies from distribution lines.

## SECURITY LIGHT RATES

\$20.00 per month for 400 watt security light. *(Effective May 1, 2004)*

\$5.95 per month flat rate. *(Effective April 1, 2001)*

Used Poles: \$1.00 per foot

Customer is charged \$80.00 installation fee for the pole. *(Effective March 14, 1994)*

Customer will be charged \$50.00 for moving pole at customer's request.

# Miscellaneous Electric Service Fees

## SECURITY LIGHT RATES

\$10.00 per month for 400 watt security light.

\$5.95 per month flat rate.

Installation Fee:

Customer is charged \$80.00 installation fee for the pole.

This fee may be paid monthly at a rate of \$3.30 for two years.

Moving Pole:

Customer is charged \$50.00 for moving the pole for the customer's convenience.

## RECONNECT FEE:

Customers are charged a \$25.00 reconnect fee if their service is disconnected for non-payment.

## LATE CHARGES:

The minimum charge shall be \$3.00 per bill. The penalty fee will be 10% of the amount owed, not less than \$3.00.

## UNDERGROUND SERVICE:

All customers will be charged \$3.00 per foot for installation of residential underground service. The fee for installation of industrial underground service is \$4.50 per foot.

## SURGE PROTECTION RATES:

One-time fee: \$49.95, plus

Monthly Lease: \$4.00 Residential  
\$6.00 Commercial

Additional Equipment will be sold at cost + 10%.

## Section 6

# QUALITY OF LIFE

# Education, Medicine and Recreation

## EDUCATION

Elba is extremely proud of its public school system. The system consists of an elementary school (K-6) and a high school (7-12) that offers vocational, traditional, and college-prep curricula. The Elba City Schools are accredited by both the Alabama State Department of Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The schools are housed in state-of-the-art facilities that were constructed in 1992.

Elba is close to Enterprise State Junior College (16 miles), MacArthur State Technical College (25 miles) and the main campus of Troy State University (30 miles).

## MEDICINE

Elba General Hospital is a 25-bed facility and has a 91-bed nursing home attached, giving both skilled and intermediary care. There are currently three doctors serving the hospital. Two dentists have their practices in Elba.

## RECREATION

Community facilities and activities include:

- 85-acre Country Club with a nine-hole golf course.
- Hawkins-Williams Park (Olympic-sized pool, 3 ball fields and 4 tennis courts).
- Legion Park and Taylor Mill Park (each equipped with picnic tables, barbecue grills, playground equipment and basketball courts).
- A boat ramp, basketball courts and picnic tables on the banks of the Pea River.
- Full-time recreational director who coordinates year-round programs for youth and adults.
- Baseball, softball and basketball leagues.

## ALABAMA STATE PARKS

The following State Parks are within 50 miles of Elba:

Chewacla, Lakepoint, Blue Springs, Frank Jackson, Florala and Chattahoochee

## Section 7

# INCENTIVES

# Incentives for Qualified Prospects

- Waiver of all utility hook-up fees
- Infrastructure to site provided
- Waiver of business license for one year
- Tax abatement assistance
- Assistance with building negotiations
- Bond issues provided if needed

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## **Industrial Development Bonds Issued by Cities, Counties or Industrial Development Boards**

*Alabama Center for Commerce*

100% financing can be provided for projects involving manufacturing, processing or assembling of any manufactured product; projects utilizing pollution abatement equipment.

*Alabama Center for Commerce*

## **Alabama Industrial Development Training Institute**

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Any new or expanding industry in Alabama is eligible for assistance from the Alabama Industrial Development Training Institute.

## **Wallace Plan for Linked Deposits: Agricultural Loan**

*State Treasure*

Any person, corporation, or partnership is eligible if they are engaged in the production of agricultural products and derive at least 70% of their income from farming, operate exclusively in Alabama, have debts equal to or greater than 25% of assets, have interest costs as a substantial portion of expenses.

## **Wallace Plan for Linked Deposits: Small Business Loan**

*State Treasure*

A person, corporation, or partnership engaged in business is eligible if they: are headquartered in Alabama; are organized for profit; maintain facilities exclusively in Alabama; have no more than 150 employees; have debts equal to or greater than 35% of their assets; create or sustain job opportunities.

## **Business Incentive Financing Program: Industrial Revenue Bonds, Tax Increment Bonds**

*Alabama Center for Commerce*

Companies and projects eligible for financing will be selected based upon criteria to be published by SIDA. The principle emphasis will be placed on the credit worthiness of the project sponsors, the number, type and quality of jobs to be produced, and the economic viability of the proposed project. A company to be approved must have an average hourly wage.

## **Regional Planning and Development Commissions Revolving Loan Funds**

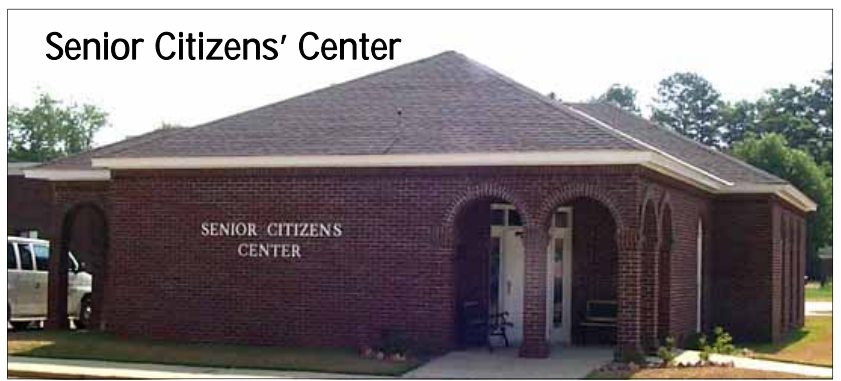
*Enterprise Zone Coordinator, Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs*

For profit businesses and industries are eligible. Businesses that are not eligible are those that relocate business or jobs from one labor market to another.





Coffee County  
Courthouse



Senior Citizens' Center



Police  
Department



Elba City Hall



Fire Department



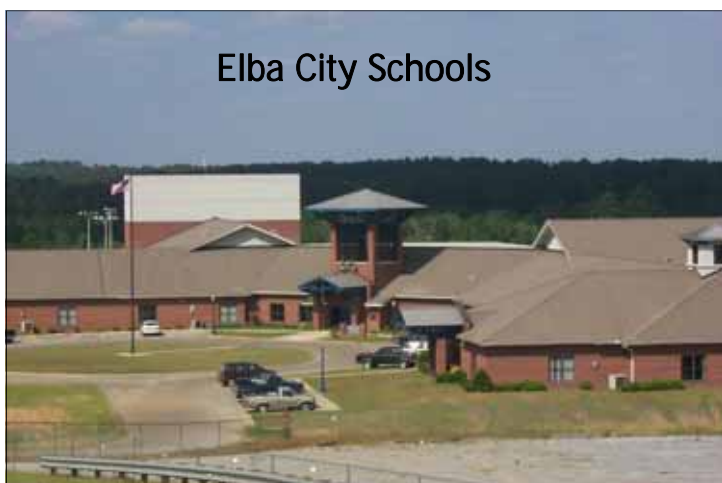
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Elba Public Library



City Hall



Elba City Schools



Elba General Hospital