



1st Annual Trade Allies Directory



In 2008, Federal City broke ground in Algiers, La., which is located in the New Orleans MSA. The event marked the finalization of a long-term lease agreement for the Naval Support Activity Site with the Department of the Navy. Trade ally Jones Walker, a law firm based in New Orleans, was instrumental in securing the project for Louisiana. Pictured are Tyrone Casby, Board Member of the Algiers Development District; Fred Chevalier, Partner, Jones Walker; Jackie Clarkson, Vice President and Member-At-Large, New Orleans City Council; Jeffery Arnold, Louisiana State Representative, District 102; and General David Mize, USMC (ret.).

There are other professionals outside of economic developers that need to be involved in your project to see it through. These service providers to economic development agencies are what we like to call "Trade Allies." *Southern Business & Development* recently conducted a survey of our readers asking them to vote on the best three law firms, contractors, engineers, utilities, commercial real estate firms and site consultants as they relate to economic development matters in the South's 17 states.

The following directory lists in alphabetical order the top three vote recipients in each Southern state in the first three categories; law firms, contractors and engineers. If more than three firms are listed it's because there was a tie in the voting for that state. We sincerely hope that the "South's Best Trade Allies" directory assists you in your efforts to locate or expand to the South, the world's fourth-largest economy.



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We recently teamed up with Ernie Pearson, former assistant secretary of economic development for the North Carolina Department of Commerce, and other attorneys from Sanford Holshouser, LLP in Raleigh to form an even stronger Economic Development team.

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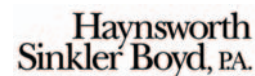
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