



# **Governor Sonny Perdue Eggs & Issues Breakfast**

**15 January 2008**

# Education



## Education report card gives Georgia a B-minus

*Atlanta Journal-Constitution, published 01/10/08*

“In the evaluation released Wednesday by Education Week — a newspaper for educators — Georgia scored near or above U.S. averages in policy areas such as setting K-12 curriculum standards...”

### GEORGIA'S REPORT CARD

Education Week graded every state in six categories:

- **Overall grade: B- (11<sup>th</sup> in the Nation)**
- Children's chance for success: C
- K-12 achievement: D+
- Standards, assessments and accountability: A-
- Education policy alignment: B
- The teaching profession: B
- School finance: C+



# Education



**Graduation rate up**

**Dropout rate down**

**Teachers highest paid**

**Graduation Coaches + Community  
Coaches**



# Education



**Making progress, but we still  
have a ways to go.**

**What's missing?**

**Parents**



# **VIP Recruiters**

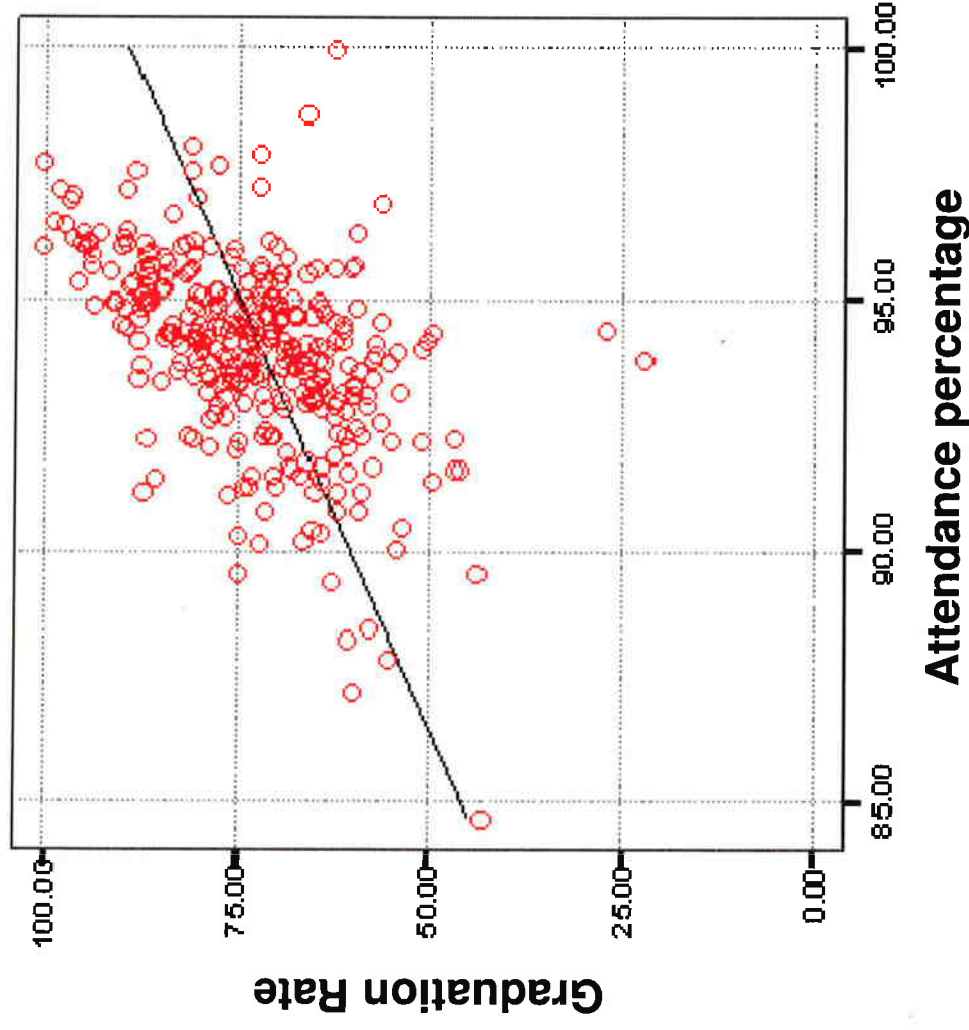


- **“Very Important Parent” Recruiters**
- **Targets high truancy schools**
- **551 elementary, middle and high schools**
- **Will help involve parents in their child’s academic career – focus on parents with little or no connection to school**

# Attendance and Achievement

Georgia

- Other measures:**
- 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade CRCT scores
  - Georgia High School Graduation Test
  - 9<sup>th</sup> grade on-track rate





# Education



## Keeping score ...

# Georgia's Education Scoreboard



<http://www.gaosa.org>



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# **Four Principles of Fiscal Discipline**



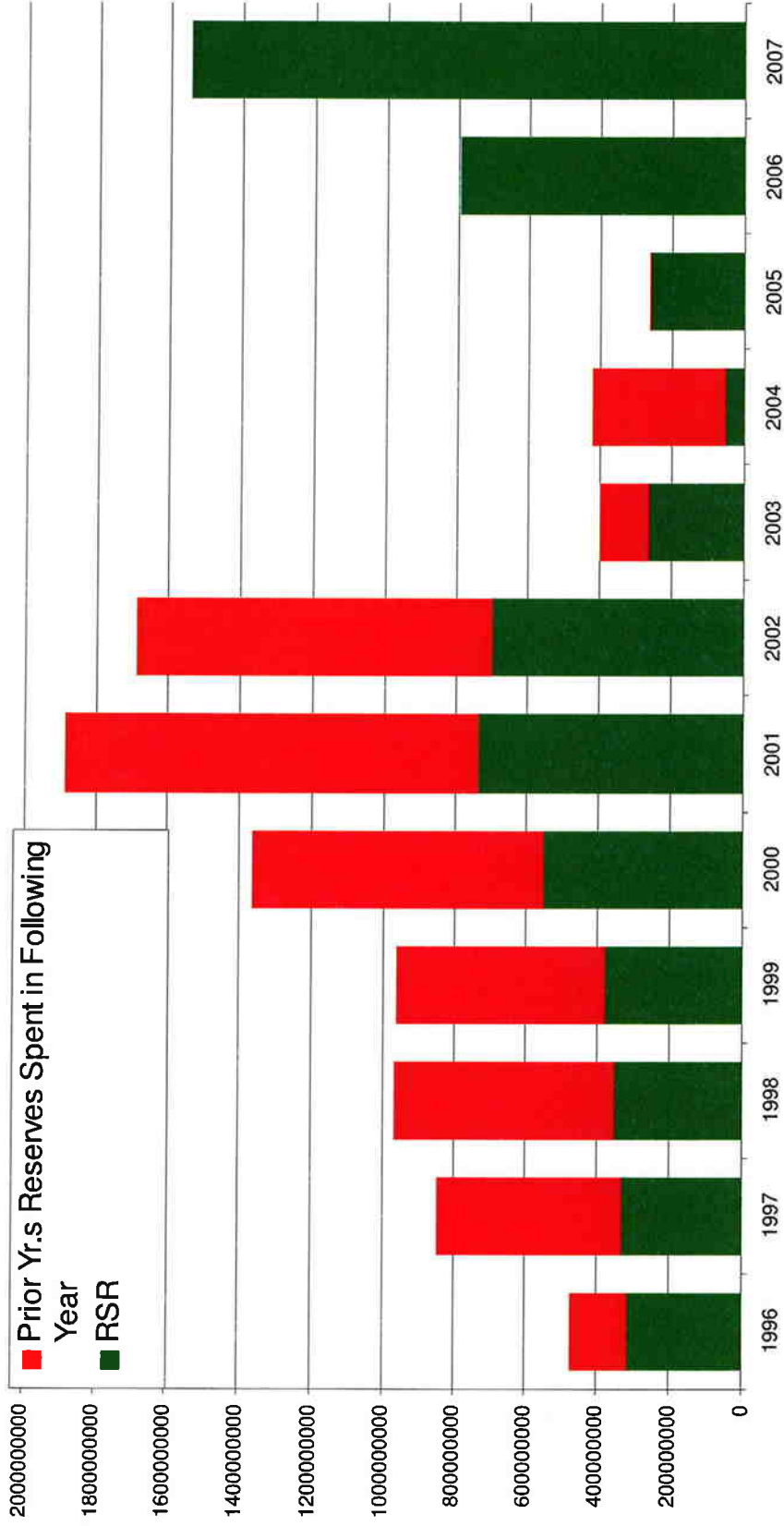
**Managing Efficiently**

**Spending Wisely**

**Investing Prudently**

**Conserving for the Future**

# Fiscal Discipline



# Georgia Research Alliance Venture Capital Fund



- State to partner with private sector
- Early stage financing to commercialize technology developed in Georgia's research universities
- \$10 million state investment
- Matched by private dollars to create a total of \$40 million venture capital fund



# **Economic Development: Georgia Goes Global**



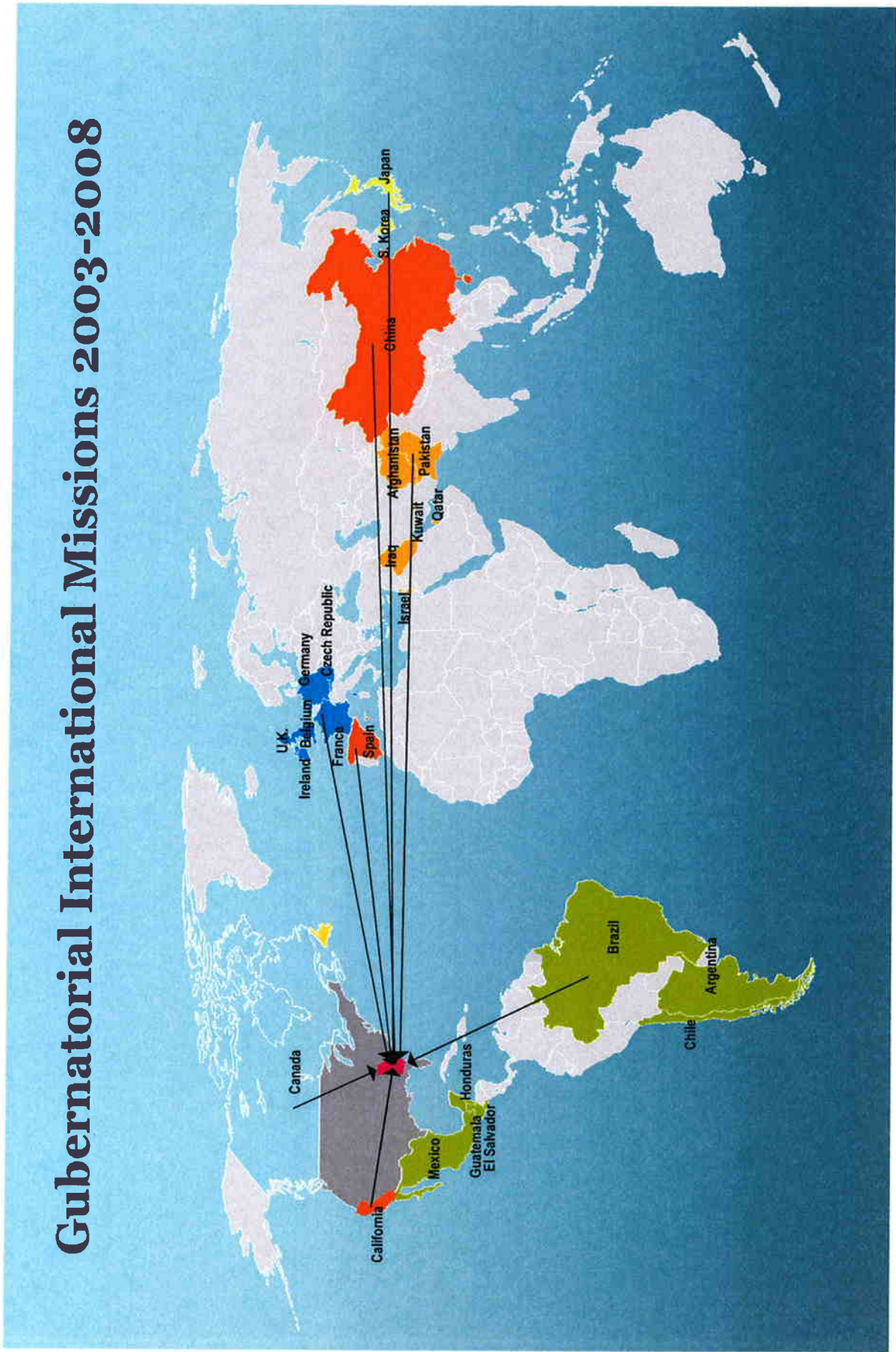
**New Trading Partners**

**Jobs Across the State**

**Diverse Industries**

**Logistics and Infrastructure**

# Gubernatorial International Missions 2003-2008

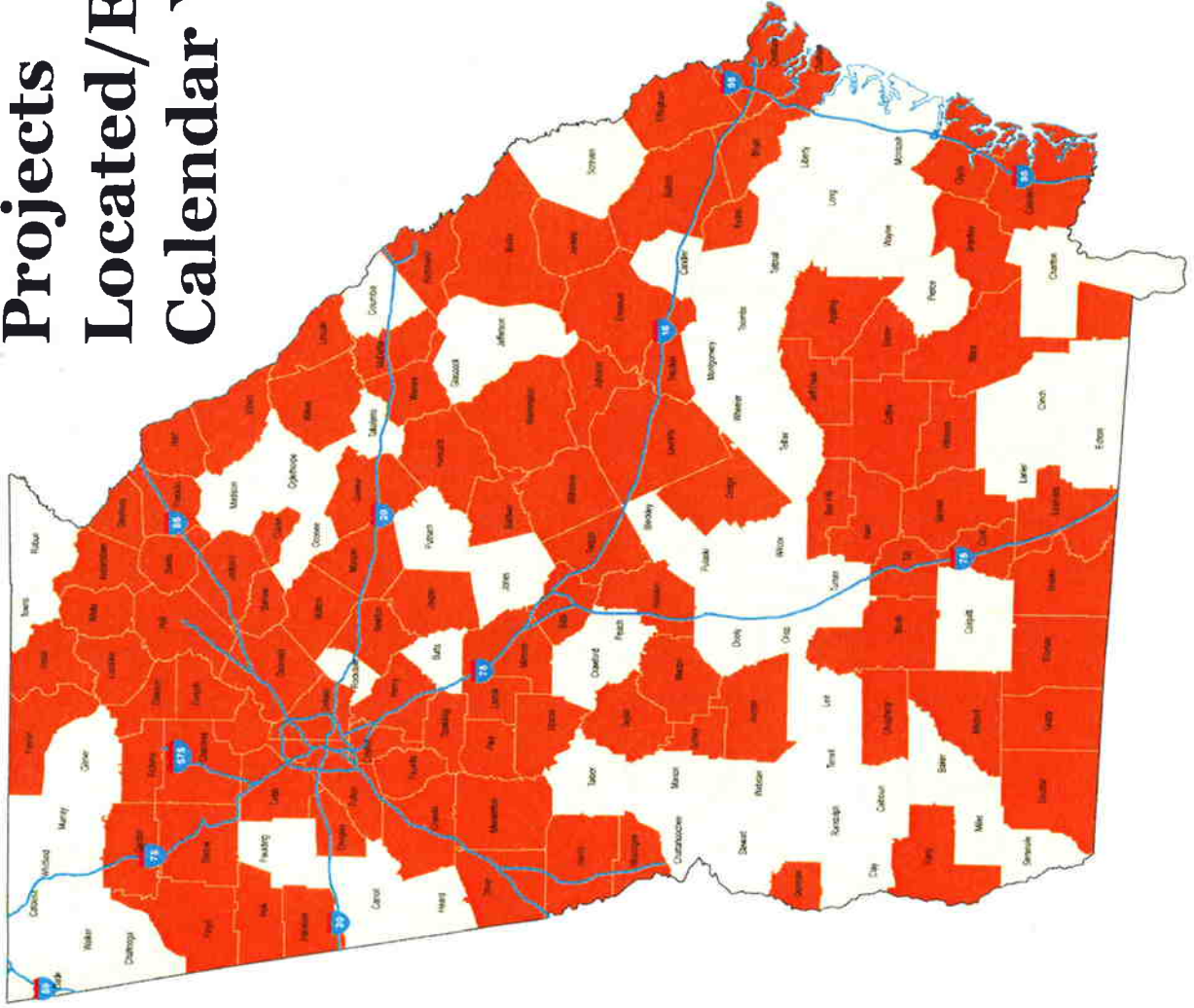


# Projects Located/Expanded Calendar Year 2007



*57% of all new jobs  
announced are located in  
rural Georgia, with an  
investment of \$1.6 billion*

*325,200 new jobs  
grown in Georgia  
since 2003*





Publix.



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# Port of Savannah

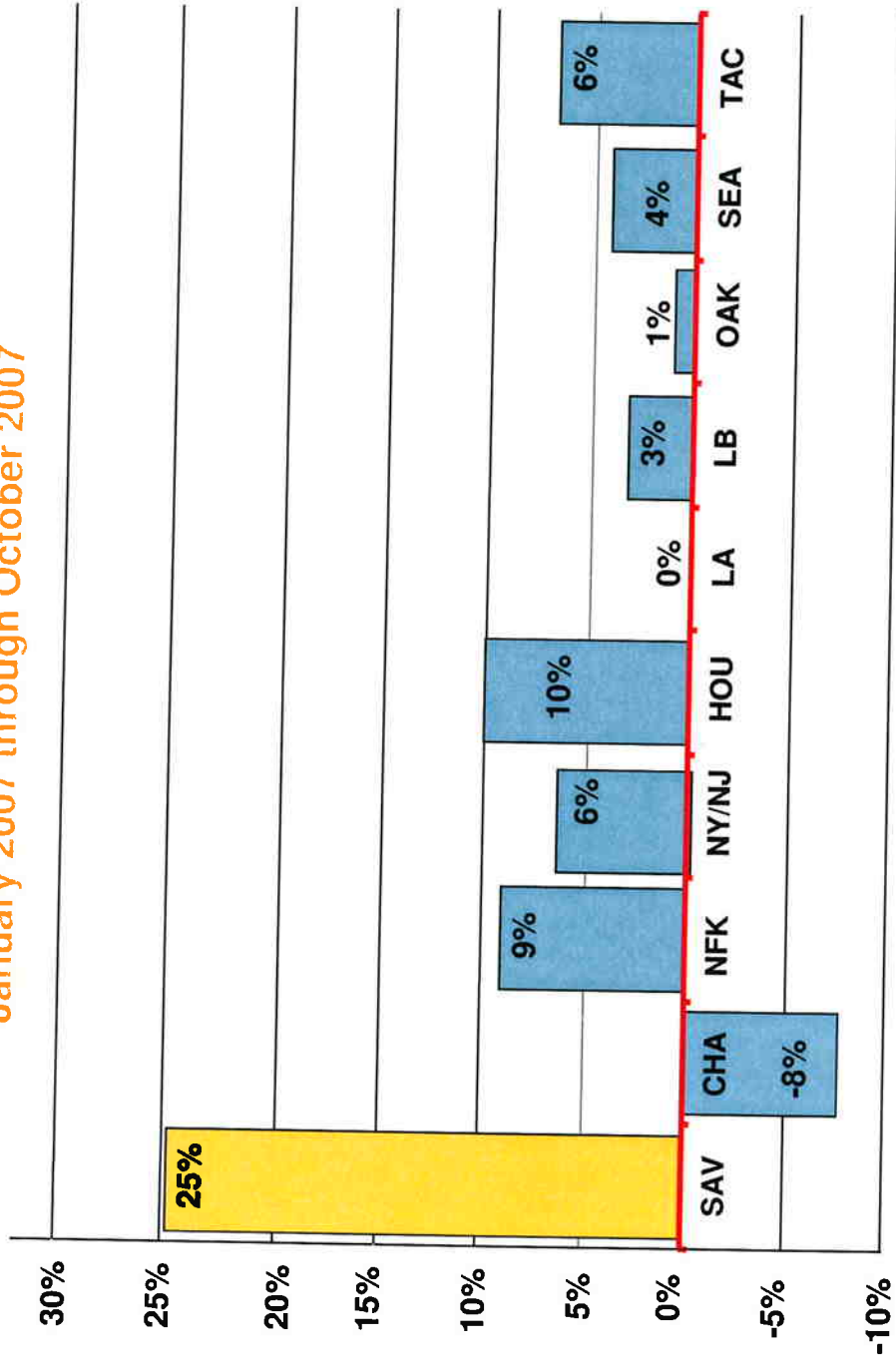
*Gateway to American Commerce*



# Georgia Ports Authority

## Top 10 US Port Rankings – Percentage Growth

January 2007 through October 2007





# Transportation



**Georgia's Goal: A sound,  
value-driven  
transportation system**

# Transportation



## \$15.5 billion Fast

### Forward program:

- In 2004, doubled investment in DOT projects to finish in 6 years
- Now, 3 1/2 years later, 60% of projects should be completed
- Today just 21% are completed

Fiscal Year	Contract Awarded Amount
2002	\$1,085,707,895
2003	\$740,409,971
2004	\$915,141,505
2005	\$1,143,103,895
2006	\$2,197,833,144
2007	\$2,655,960,822



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