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*Global corporation brings business, 50 jobs to metro Atlanta*

(GWINNETT- METRO ATLANTA) August 27, 2013 – Gwinnett County Chairman Charlotte Nash, Gwinnett Chamber Economic Development, and Georgia Department of Economic Development joined with Governor Nathan Deal to announce the opening of TravelSky's U.S. Development Center in Gwinnett County, metro Atlanta, Georgia. TravelSky, a leading IT solutions developer for the airline and tourism industries, will house its operations at Satellite Place in the Duluth area. The project, which is expected to create 50 jobs, represents a \$10 million investment in the community.

"Georgia is absolutely the right place for innovative technology companies like TravelSky to grow and find success," said Deal. "We have a longstanding commitment to cultivating technology growth in the state and an arsenal of resources to make it happen, including a highly-educated workforce and access to top-notch university research."

Governor Deal officially announced the new investment following a meeting with Vice President Yuanchang Huang in Qingdao, Shandong, China. The Governor and a delegation of Georgia business, economic development, and state officials are on a business mission in Asia to explore investment, trade, and tourism opportunities in the world's fastest-growing economy.

"The Chinese civil aviation industry constantly looks for more effective IT solutions to meet new operational, customer service and high-standing industry requirements," said Mr. Huang. "By bringing together resources, expertise and talent from the state of Georgia, we expect to deliver exceptional IT services and expand into the global markets of travel industry. TravelSky is grateful for the opportunity that Georgia has provided, and we are optimistic that the establishment of our North America R&D center in Georgia will lead to our continued success."

"We are pleased to welcome TravelSky to Gwinnett County. Our community is committed to establishing the County as a leading hub of technology and global business, and our work is paying off," stated Gwinnett County Commission Chairman Charlotte Nash. "Gwinnett is home to more than 500 internationally based businesses. Our reputation as a leading community in global business helps us attract and support growing companies, such as TravelSky."

The company reviewed sites across North America, including San Francisco's Silicon Valley, Dallas, Houston, Chicago, and Toronto, before choosing Gwinnett County, Atlanta.

"Our region has established itself as the preferred location for global companies," stated Nick Masino, Senior Vice President, Gwinnett Chamber Economic Development and Partnership Gwinnett. "Gwinnett boasts nearly twice the average technology workforce than the average county in the United States. This allows the community to attract companies, such as TravelSky, that need to access a highly-skilled, technical workforce."

Joe Allen, Executive Director of the Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District (CID), commented, "Gwinnett Place is focused on revitalization strategies that will build and support business in our community. We are thrilled to welcome TravelSky's operations to the area and consider them an asset as we work to strengthen the economic vitality of this community."

Headquartered in Beijing, China, TravelSky employs more than 4,000 people worldwide and operates 12 branches, 9 affiliated companies, and 21 subsidiaries across Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Europe and the United States. TravelSky services 30 domestic airlines, nearly 200 regional and overseas airlines, 147 domestic airports, and 7,000 ticket agents. The company currently has a presence in 300 Chinese cities and 80 foreign cities.

For more information about TravelSky, please visit [www.travelskyholdings.com/english](http://www.travelskyholdings.com/english).

For more information, or to learn how to get involved in local economic development efforts, please visit [www.gwinnetteconomicdevelopment.com](http://www.gwinnetteconomicdevelopment.com).

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Gwinnett Chamber Economic Development globally markets Gwinnett as the premier location in metro Atlanta and the State of Georgia for growing and conducting business. By encouraging investment and trade into the county through relocation and expansion assistance, the organization works with local and regional partners to bring technology, health sciences and services, advanced manufacturing, supply chain management, and corporate headquarters to the community. Home to FORTUNE 500 and 1,000 companies, Gwinnett County hosts a wide range of businesses from industry giants, to international companies and homegrown start-ups. Success lives here- [www.gwinnetteconomicdevelopment.com](http://www.gwinnetteconomicdevelopment.com).

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