

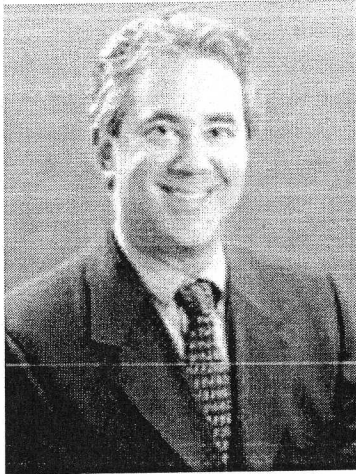
WIENER: Gwinnett Place area showing growth

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Investment and growth are occurring regularly throughout greater Gwinnett Place. The Board of Directors of the Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District has maintained a singular focus toward improving the area's physical infrastructure and creating an environment conducive for economic re-development in Gwinnett's central business district, and our efforts are bearing tangible results.

Businesses are moving to, and investing in, the Gwinnett Place area as a result of the cohesive working partnership of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners, GPCID, and the Gwinnett Chamber's Partnership Gwinnett initiative. Proactive strategies and incentive tools are in place.

As a result, during 2013 alone, 475 new jobs were created in the area. Private sector investments in

greater Gwinnett Place include:

- ViaSat Inc. — Expands Building, Adds 275 New Jobs

A producer of satellite and digital communication products for government and commercial customers; 60,000-square-foot facility, \$10.5 million investment

- National DCP — Relocates from New England to Gwinnett Place

The exclusive sourcing, purchasing and distribution partner for Dunkin' Donuts restaurants; Corporate Office, 125 new jobs

- The Dennis Group — Opens Georgia Office in Gwinnett Place Area

Complete planning, architectural, process engineering, and construction management services exclusively to the food and beverage industry; corporate office location; 35 new jobs

- VetConnex — Launches New Location in Gwinnett Place Opportunity Zone

Specializes in providing customer service for Fortune 500 companies, while also providing veterans and their immediate families with post-deployment jobs; Customer Service Contact Center within the Greater Gwinnett Place Opportunity Zone, 300 jobs

Building upon Gwinnett's position as the most diverse county in the Southeastern United States, the greater Gwinnett Place global presence grew with the addition of HAMACO Industries Corporation's US headquarters, a subsidiary of Japan-based Hamada Industry Co. Ltd; Idaka

