



### Trade and Investment

## UAE Embassy Delegation Visits Atlanta

April 1, 2014, Atlanta, GA - Chamber of Eco Commerce (CEC) – Diplomats, Mr. Talal M. Al Kaissi, Chief of Staff & Advisor to the Commercial Counselor UAE Trade & Commercial Office and Dr. Alsaghira Al Ahbabi, from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Embassy in Washington, DC, visited Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Kaissi and Dr. Ahbabi met with government, business and community leaders to explore areas for future collaboration and highlight the growing bilateral UAE-US trade relationship.

The UAE has one of its fastest growing trade relationships in the US with Georgia. The state ranks eighth among US states exporting merchandise to the UAE. In 2013, total Georgia merchandise exports to the UAE were valued at \$790 million, a 95 percent increase since 1999. Top exports from Georgia to the UAE included

passenger vehicles, aerospace, turbojet parts, and generators. Exports to the UAE alone support employment of over 6,888 individuals in Georgia. The port of Savannah handled nearly \$1.2 billion in trade with the UAE in 2013, and is ranked 6th largest US port for trade with the UAE.

Chamber of Eco Commerce (CEC) met with the UAE delegation to discuss bilateral Eco Commerce trade and investment issues and opportunities. “We look forward to expanding our [Eco Commerce Exchange \(ECE\) platform](#) to transfer technology and knowledge between our existing Atlanta, Dubai, and Abu Dhabi Eco Commerce Hubs, and to boost trade and investment between [UAE](#) and ECE Global. We look forward attending the 2020 Expo in Dubai”, Minna LeVine, CEO, Chamber of Eco Commerce (CEC).

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