

## **PIEDMONT IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS**

Hello! Are you planning to open a business in Piedmont? Are you presently in business and planning an expansion? Are you a current member of our business community, but need help with planning, taxes, cash flow or other problems that face business people every day? Do you want information on how to contact others in your field, or just have a friendly chat with someone who understands the problems and practices of successful business? If so, here is a listing of people who may be able to assist you. They are highly trained, experienced and will do their best to assist you.

### **•THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PIEDMONT**



**CITY OF PIEDMONT**  
**COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

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Chairman

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**"Piedmont Is Open For Business"**

Lane Weatherbee is the current chairman of this municipal corporation and was the founding chairman when this authority was formed in 2001. The five members of the board of directors come from all areas of endeavor in our community, including real estate, law, education, municipal board membership and banking. The authority was created to be a vehicle to assist new and existing businesses with creative financial options. Its duties have been expanded to include developing programs for business assistance, working with other agencies, many of which are listed below, recruiting businesses, assisting in finding locations and any counseling that is requested. The board will be happy to refer the client to any institution that may offer help.

### ***The Alabama Small Business Development Center At Jacksonville State University***

ALABAMA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER



**Ken Grissom**  
Center Director

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Ken Grissom is director of this agency and has an outstanding staff. The services include financial planning, accounting and tax advice, business structure and many other areas that are important to existing and new businesses. These services are offered by professionals in each field and are available to local businesses at no cost.

## CALHOUN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



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Under the leadership of Executive Director Don Hopper, the EDC is an organization that specializes in all phases of industrial and business recruitment and development. The services range from basic information to site selection and creative financing options. These services and more are offered to prospective, new and existing businesses and industries at no cost.

## SCORE



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SCORE is an organization whose leadership and membership are retired business executives from all facets of the business community. Under the leadership of Certified Mentor Steve Cheatwood, these mentors can draw from years of experience and training to offer business people information, training, valuable organizational planning, financial counseling and much more. These services and more are offered to prospective, new and existing business people at no cost.

## Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce



CALHOUN COUNTY  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
& VISITORS CENTER



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While the Chamber's offices and visitor's center is located in Anniston, this organization has become an integral part of the Piedmont business community. The chamber offers advice, counseling, research and many other services. There is a full staff of trained, friendly people who are eager to help new and expanding business. While there is no obligation for services, the chamber welcomes new members and both the City of Piedmont and the Piedmont Commercial Development Authority enjoy the many, many advantages of membership.

*Piedmont Has Two Outstanding Financial Institutions*



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Piedmont is very fortunate to have two great, full-service banks. Farmers & Merchants Bank was founded more than 150 years ago in Piedmont and has branches throughout the county; however, Piedmont is still the home office. Noblebank & Trust has shown its dedication to Piedmont by moving from a small branch to a beautiful location on North Main Street. Both banks offer complete banking services, and are staffed with friendly, experienced and highly trained loan officers to offer financial needs to new and existing businesses.

**RIDE**



**FLOAT**



**HIKE**



**CHIEF LADIGA**

**TERRAPIN**

**PINHOTI**