

A Year in Review...

For those who missed it, the 2024 Women's Rugby Team faced Australia in their final match of the Olympics for the bronze medal. In the final minute, USA's Center broke a tackle and ran the length of the pitch to score a try for team USA, the conversion kick sealed the win and gave them the first ever Women's Rugby medal! As a former player and fan, I watched much of the game, but like many, I don't remember most of the game up until that point. However, I have no doubt that the players on the field were hustling every minute of the game, and every minute was important. This is the way of economic development – there is a lot of effort, small wins, and defeats along the way to making announcements. This was a year of final minutes for the Golden Isles Development Authority (GIDA).

The McBride Industrial Park is down to one final site as we hosted two ribbon cuttings and put two sites under contract, Buc'ees will open next year, Jered is under construction on their new facility – a project seven years in the making, and all GIDA property at Tradewinds Technology Park is under contract with two ground breakings scheduled before the end of the year.

The Port is on pace to be the busiest Auto-port in the nation, and recent investments by the Georgia Ports Authority and Wallenius Wilhelmsen have positioned Colonel's Island to be the most advanced vehicle and large equipment processing port in the world

As we conclude these projects, we reflect on this community's commitment to economic development, and the foresight that our predecessors had to make critical investment in this organization and infrastructure. This year we celebrated the 100-year anniversary of the F.J. Torras Causeway, it was a day of celebration, but also, a reminder of the importance of having a vision for the future and the impact of investments that support that vision.

The GIDA is committed to investing in the future and thinks long-term. We invite everyone to join us to envision the community we want in 100 years and make investments in infrastructure and people that make our grandchildren proud.

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