



# BEAUFORT, SC

## REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce support The Jasper Ocean Terminal Joint Venture, a body comprised of the Georgia Ports Authority and the South Carolina Ports Authority and wants the Jasper Ocean Terminal expeditiously completed.

On March 12, 2007, the Governors of Georgia and South Carolina signed a Term Sheet that identified the construction of a new marine container terminal in Jasper County, SC, and the expansion of existing terminals in GA as the most practical means of increasing the cargo handling capacity of both states. The Georgia Ports Authority and South Carolina Ports Authority purchased the 1,518-acre project site in June 2008 and executed a Joint Venture Agreement on November 15, 2015, that describes the proposed Jasper Ocean Terminal (JOT) as well as transportation infrastructure requirements.

The project site is presently developed to maintain the existing Savannah Harbor Federal Navigation Project. However, additional properties are required to provide road and rail access to the project site from US Highway 17 and existing CSX Transportation and Norfolk Southern railroad corridors. In addition, navigation improvements (e.g., an access channel and a turning basin) will be required to support vessel operations, and a new railroad bridge across the Savannah River will be required to provide access to existing railroad corridors in GA.