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## **NEWS ADVISORY**

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### **Gulf, Gadsden, Liberty, and Franklin Counties Announce the Establishment of the Gulf to Gadsden Freight Logistics Zone**

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**Who:** Gulf, Gadsden, Liberty and Franklin county economic development organizations

**What:** Establishment of the Gulf to Gadsden Freight Logistics Zone along the Apalachicola Northern Railroad

**Where:** Georgia Pacific, Highway 65 ¼ mile north of the intersection with Highway 20 in Hosford, FL

**When:** Tuesday, August 15, 10:45 AM Eastern Time

Economic Development organizations representing the counties of Gadsden, Liberty, Gulf and Franklin will be hosting a press event on Tuesday, August 15 to announce the establishment of the Gulf to Gadsden Freight Logistics Zone.

Speakers will include:

- o Senator Bill Montford
- o Representative Halsey Beshears
- o Representative Ramon Alexander
- o Anthony J. Baker, Mayor, City of Gretna in Gadsden County
- o Rick Kimble, Senior Manager - Business Management, Georgia-Pacific Building Products
- o Dave Harrelson, St. Joe Company
- o Kevin Phillips, AVP Industrial Development, Genesee & Wyoming Railroad Services
- o Craig Swilley, CEO, International Wood Group
- o Dexter Barber, Chair, Liberty County Board of County Commissioners
- o Ward McDaniel, Chair, Gulf County Board of County Commissioners
- o Phillip Gainer, Secretary District 3, FDOT
- o Rickey Fitzgerald, Freight and Multimodal Operations Manager, FDOT
- o Julie Dennis, Director of Community Development, Florida Dept. of Economic Opportunity
- o Antonio Jefferson, Chair, Opportunity Florida

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