



## **Habif, Arogeti & Wynne Partner on Trade Mission to Canada**

ATLANTA, June 29, 2009 – Yelena Epova, CPA a partner with Habif, Arogeti & Wynne, LLP participated in a recent trade mission to Longueuil/Montreal Quebec as a member of Team Georgia. The mission was held in conjunction with the Longueuil Department of Development and designed to help Canadian companies in the region grow by opening up opportunities in the U.S. market.

“There was a lot of enthusiasm among the companies we met with,” said Epova. “They are anticipating solid growth in the near future and see the U.S. market and particularly Georgia as one of the keys to their growth.” When asked what attracted these companies to Georgia, she cited transportation, particularly Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, the quality of the state’s infrastructure, the low cost of doing business and the strong efforts of the Georgia Department of Economic Development and the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce in attracting foreign businesses to the state.

Team Georgia is led by Jim Blair, International Project Manager with the Georgia Department of Economic Development. Other members include Anton Mertens, Partner with the law firm of Smith Gambrell & Russell, LLP, and John Woodward of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce as well as representatives from Georgia Power, Georgia EMC and the Fayette County Department of Economic Development. “Our business delegation included a diverse group of economic development professionals and private industry professionals all working together to encourage Quebec companies to look at business opportunities in Georgia. Half of Team Georgia is French-speaking, sending a strong message of pride to Canada’s French-speaking province, that nation’s second most important industrial region,” said Mr. Blair.

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