



Enterprise Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

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"To promote the business and economic environment; thereby, providing for the welfare of the citizens of the Enterprise area and furthering the competitive free enterprise system".

Another "Top" Honor



Enterprise has been named to another prestigious list by a national publication. Recently, *Relocate America* named Enterprise to its Top 100 Places to Live. "We concentrated on the outlook for future growth & ability to rebound in the communities that we selected" said Steve Nickerson, president and CEO of Relocate America. "We looked at the local government & the business leadership in each community as we considered this year's winners. We selected communities with visionary leaders, improving or thriving economies including housing & realization of "green" initiatives".

In 2008, Enterprise and Coffee County was named one of "The Top 10 Places to Live in Rural America" by *Progressive Farmer Magazine*. The ranking was based on quality-of-life indicators such as great schools, access to health care, low crime and affordable farmland. In 2008, the editors of *The Progressive Farmer* added extra criteria by focusing on counties that have been able to protect farmland, control growth pressure from urban and suburban areas, and strike a good balance between agriculture, manufacturing and modern conveniences.

In addition to the high quality of life, Enterprise has been honored for its economic strength, as well. In 2008, Policom ranked the Enterprise-Ozark micropolitan area as the 77th strongest in America and 2nd strongest in Alabama. The area has been rising rapidly in the rankings for several years.

Upcoming events:

- 5/30 Downtown Summer Fest
- 6/4-6 Bama-Jam
- 6/6 Take a Kid Fishing Day
- 6/12 AUSA Banquet

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U.S. Chamber Presents Accreditation

Debbie Carothers, Southeast Regional Director of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce was the keynote speaker at a special membership luncheon, May 21st at the Enterprise Country Club.

Ms Carothers spoke to the general membership of the chamber about many issues that affect business and reported on national legislation that is of particular interest for business and industry. Among the issues discussed was the so called "Card Check" bill and, if passed, its potential for catastrophic consequences in employee/employer relations.

The event also featured the official presentation of accreditation honors to the Enterprise Chamber. Recently, the U.S. Chamber honored the Enterprise Chamber as one of only 18 chambers nationwide to achieve some level of accreditation. The prestigious honor places Enterprise among the top 4% of chambers nationwide who are accredited. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the only source for chamber accreditation.



Debbie Carothers presents Phil Thomas (c) and Robbin Thompson with accreditation by the U.S. Chamber

