



National Lieutenant Governors Association

NLGA State Strategies on Workforce, Education and Technology

Georgia Lt. Gov. Geoff Duncan:

Advancing Georgia as the Technology Capital of the East Coast

Georgia houses every element necessary for tremendous growth in the technology sector. The University System boasts leading institutions – with world-class design, programming, and technology programs – that provide businesses with the highly skilled employees they desperately need. Georgia’s quality of living and cost of living are both superior to other “tech hubs” including Silicon Valley, New York, and Boston. Incubators and investment hubs continue to grow throughout the metro Atlanta region. And, our venture capital presence is beginning to grow at an accelerated rate.

With so much to offer, **Georgia is poised to become the technology capital of the East Coast.** To achieve this goal, I created the **Georgia Innovates Task Force** in January 2020, which released its recommendations over the summer. The report recommendations include a series of high-impact, low-cost pilot programs for improvements such as K-12 digital readiness, as well as advanced food supply innovation – two needs exposed as vital during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additionally, in August 2020, I announced the creation of the **Partnership for Inclusive Innovation (PI2)**, a public-private partnership of government, business and academic leaders committed to fostering technology access, growth, entrepreneurship, and evolution across the state of Georgia.

While Atlanta has been a wildly successful leader in technology, I am focused on expanding the startup and venture capital presence throughout Georgia. Through a combination of state, industry, and philanthropic funding, **PI2 will support programming to improve access to digital resources and education, advance agriculture, support venture capital growth, and support lab-to-market tech transfer.**

By remaining laser-focused on technology and innovation, Georgia can build upon the existing infrastructure to support, maintain and advance the education, workforce, and startups that will drive Georgia to the future.

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