



Media Advisory

## **BBA to host Governor Kay Ivey during Birmingham listening tour**

**WHAT:** Birmingham Business Alliance (BBA) hosts Coffee and Networking Reception with Alabama Governor Kay Ivey to kick off Birmingham listening tour

**WHEN:** 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., Friday, September 8, 2017

**WHERE:** The Florentine Building, 2101 Second Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama, 35203

**BACKGROUND:** The media is invited to join Governor Kay Ivey, the BBA, business leaders and elected officials to learn more about issues facing our communities, as well as the opportunities that exist to encourage economic growth, at a Coffee and Networking Reception. Governor Ivey will visit several businesses in Birmingham including Southern Research and Kamtek to see firsthand how legislative items the BBA championed, such as the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit and Alabama Jobs Act, have positively impacted development in Birmingham.

While in Birmingham, Governor Ivey will visit The Florentine Building, which utilized the state's Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit reinstated by the legislature earlier this year and has spurred more than \$200 million in redevelopment in downtown Birmingham in the past five years. Other notable projects that utilized the historic tax credit program include the new mixed-use TJ Tower, the newly renovated Redmont Hotel, the Elyton Hotel in the Empire building, the Lyric Theater and The Pizitz.

At automotive supplier Kamtek, Governor Ivey will cut the ribbon on the company's new Aluminum Die Casting facility, where it utilized the Alabama Jobs Act to access funds for its expansion and infrastructure improvements, resulting in over 300 new jobs.

Governor Ivey is also scheduled to visit Southern Research, the contract research organization that houses nearly 500 scientists and engineers in Birmingham.

Earlier this year, the legislature voted to grant a sales and use tax exemption to Southern Research, a world-renowned contact research organization that has been working in Birmingham for more than 75 years.

Governor Ivey will also visit the Alabama School of Fine Arts to celebrate its 50th Anniversary.

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