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General Electric Company Repair Shop and Warehouse Listed in National Register

ATLANTA (October 29, 2008) –The General Electric Company Repair Shop and Warehouse, located on Glenn Street in Atlanta, Fulton County, was listed in the National Register on October 10, 2008. The property owner sponsored the nomination and a consultant prepared the nomination materials.

The General Electric Company Repair Shop and Warehouse was constructed in 1922 as the service center and warehouse for the company's Southeast region, which included Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana and later, Tennessee. In the first decades of the 20th century, the company sold generators, turbines and other heavy equipment to industry, but in the early 1920s, GE turned to consumer sales of light bulbs and small appliances. The new warehouse on Glenn Street was noted by *City Builder* as the South's largest electrical warehouse. General Electric operated the repair shop and warehouse until 1977. In 2006 the two buildings were rehabilitated as affordable housing using state and federal tax incentives available for National Register-listed properties.

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Significant in the area of architecture, the two buildings are excellent examples of large industrial buildings. Built of concrete-framed construction with brick infill and metal factory windows, this type of warehouse was commonly built throughout the United States in the 1920s and 1930s due to its fireproof construction and open interior plan that served a variety of uses. The repair shop is a long, rectangular two-story brick building with large factory-type windows.

The General Electric Company Repair Shop and Warehouse is also significant in the area of commerce because it represents Atlanta's rise as a center for regional corporate headquarters and because it represents the increasing use and availability of electricity and electrical appliances in the first half of the 20th century.

The National Register is the federal government's official list of historic buildings, structures, sites, objects, and districts worthy of preservation. According to Richard Cloues, deputy state historic preservation officer, listing in the National Register recognizes a property's significance and ensures that the property will be taken into account in the planning of federally funded or licensed projects. In addition, owners of National Register properties may be eligible for rehabilitation tax incentives.

The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources serves as Georgia's state historic preservation office. Their mission is to promote the preservation and use of historic places for a better Georgia. HPD's programs include archaeology protection and education, environmental review, grants, historic resource surveys, tax incentives, the National Register of Historic Places, community planning and technical assistance. For more information, call 404-656-2840 or visit their Web site at www.gashpo.org.

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