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RETAIL EDUCATION & WORKSHOP

Retail Academy Partnership



ABOUT RETAIL ACADEMY

Executive Summary

Retail Academy service is an award-winning service that was formed to provide tools, education, and guidance to communities seeking economic growth. Our aim at Retail Academy is to help each community identify their potential and provide the resources to achieve it.

Recruiting new and quality businesses can be complex, timeconsuming, and intimidating. To be successful communities need the real estate expertise, tools, and human effort to position their deserving municipality as an alluring location for national businesses and destinations for tourism and quality of life amenities.

Leaning on Retail Strategies' 150 years of collective retail-real estate experience, communities can effectively achieve this goal.



INCREASING YOUR RETAIL KNOWLEDGE

Retail Academy Education

Training

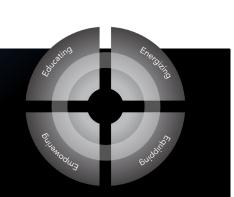
Taught by licensed real estate professionals that have worked with more than 300 communities throughout the U.S., the efforts of the instructors have generated millions of dollars in tax revenues and created thousands of jobs.

This Training Will:

- Teach you how to use the tools (data/analytics/strategy)
- Show you how retailers view your market
- Give you access to industry contracts
- Write emails to expanding businesses
- Give you a script for outbound phone calls
- Provide knowledge on the retail expansion process

- Share best practices for Retail Recruitment
- Keep you in the know on Retail Trends
- Go over the Site Selection process in full detail
- Explain the development process
- Provide best practices for ICSC & Retail Live conferences
- Discuss franchise expansions

Education is action.





WHAT YOU GET

Deliverables



A complete market analysis that will empower your community and give you credibility when speaking with the retail industry.

Retail Recruitment Plan

A 70+ page customized analysis of your community that showcases your trade area, real estate assets, and defines the prospective businesses that will thrive in your market.

Marketing Guide

Retail Strategies has applied our collective experiences to develop impactful custom marketing guides. These customized marketing guides showcase critical market intelligence, data, real estate information, and advanced analytics to position your community for economic growth.

Real Estate Analysis

Retail Strategies licensed real estate professionals will conduct a building and business inventory to create a plan of action for available retail sites in your market.

Education

Leveraging over 150+ years of experience, our team of instructors walks you through your market and the retail recruitment process providing best practices and critical knowledge to position you for success.

Retail Prospects

Retail Academy will provide a list of expanding businesses that fit your community. The prospect list will provide the retailer contact information., site selection criteria and nearest locations so you are prepared when you speak with these expanding businesses

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Our team thoroughly enjoyed Retail Academy and learning from their real estate experts on how to 'speak retail'. We were given a list of a prospective retail and restaurant companies that would be a good fit for Warner Robins and that has given us the guidance we need to make outreach and get conversations started. For any community leaders that are taking on retail economic development themselves, I'd recommend going through the Retail Academy



Kate Hogan, Community and Economic Development Director, City of Warner Robins, Georgia



ONLINE MEMBERSHIP

Resource Library

16+ hours of content including:

- Retail Incentives
- Retail Trends
- Hotel Feasibility
- Franchise Recruitment Tools
- Retailer Growth Plans and Reports
- Retailer, Developer and Broker Interviews
- Small Business Support
- Bankruptcy Filling and Closure Lists
- The Dollars and Cents of Shopping Centers



ONLINE MEMBERSHIP

Online Portal

As part of the year-long partnership, you are granted access to an online membership platform that is updated monthly and available on-demand.

Online Portal Course Topics:

- Today's Trend Impacting Retail Recruitment
- Demographics Overview
- Players, Process, and Pitch
- Real Estate 101 and Recruitment Tools
- Restaurant Strategies for Economic
 Development
- Innovating Commerce Serving Communities
- Steps to Recruiting Retail and Restaurants to your Downtown

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Retail Academy was very informative. It opened my eyes to several surprising trends. The depth of the data helped explain many of those trends and demonstrated several characteristics that are evolving every year.

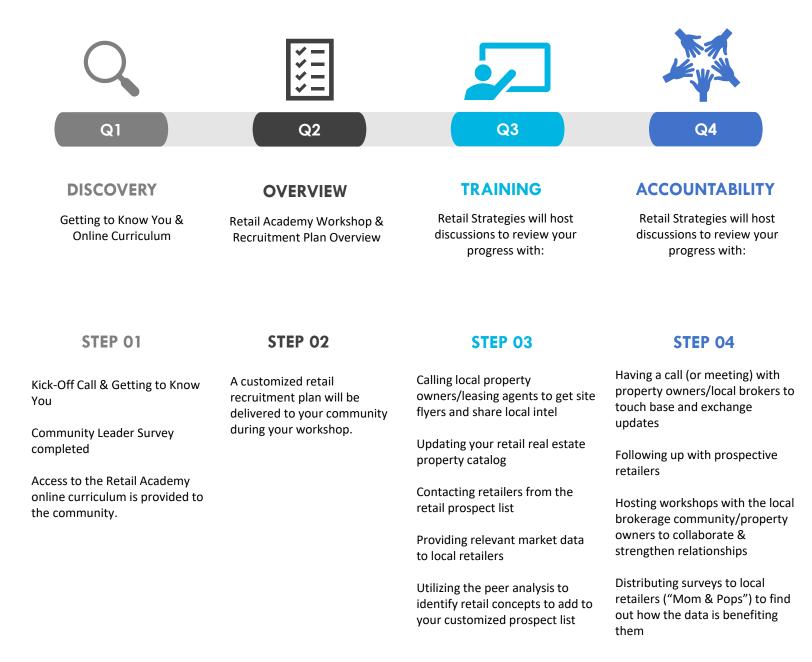
> Wayne Denley, Economic Development City of Alexandria, Louisiana



STEP BY STEP

Timeline

The year-long partnership is broken into quarterly deliverables and checkpoints to make sure your community receives the most from the Retail Academy Partnership.





RETAIL ACADEMY

Scope of Services

Research

- Identification of priority retail categories for recruitment and/or local expansion
- Retail Prospect List- Identification of at minimum 10 retail prospects to be targeted for recruitment
- Contact Information for Retail Prospects
- Retail Site Selection Criteria for retail prospects
- Mobile Data Collection from major retail node
- Retail Gap Analysis for trade area (i.e. leakage and surplus)
- Peer Market Identification and Trade Area Comparison Analysis
- Peer Market Retailer Void Analysis
- Custom demographic research historical, current, and projected demographics – to include market trade areas by political boundaries, radius/drive times, and custom trade area Identification of retail trade area using political boundaries, drive times and radii and custom boundary geographies.
- Consumer Spending Patterns and Behavior Report
- Tapestry Lifestyle Segmentation Analysis psychographic profile of trade area

Real Estate Analysis

- Retail Real Estate Analysis identifying 5+ real estate sites performed by licensed retail real estate professionals
- Create Aerial imagery of trade area(s) with traffic counts
- Identify Target Zones for short- and long-term retail development
- Property Catalog

Marketing Materials

- Development of Customized Marketing Guide
- Customized Retail Recruitment Plan

Retail Academy

- Access to Retail Academy: ONLINE Education
 Course and Resource Library
- One (1) Retail Academy Workshop, totaling six
 (6) hours in Birmingham, AL
- Industry overview from Commercial Real Estate professionals
- Quarterly 1:1 virtual meeting to discuss progress

Investment

The total fee for completion of the Retail Academy program is **\$25,000**. Project fees are due immediately upon the execution of the agreement.