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Virginia Sengewald is a Project Manager on the Logistics, Energy, Agribusiness, and Food Processing (LEAF) industry team within the Global Commerce Division of the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD). In this role, Virginia assists companies throughout their statewide site selection process and recruits new jobs and investment to the State of Georgia. As a native German, Virginia focuses on German-speaking projects in addition to her industry focus on renewable energy and the battery supply chain.

Virginia is also supporting Governor Brian Kemp's statewide Electric Mobility and Innovation Alliance (EMIA). This strategic initiative convened key public and private sector stakeholders in order to grow and strengthen the entire electric mobility ecosystem in Georgia.

As the Department started intensifying its focus on recruiting the entire electric mobility value chain, Virginia managed an effort to assess Georgia's strategic assets and potential recruitment opportunities by evaluating critical parts of the EV supply chain, from raw materials and material processing to battery manufacturing and recycling.

Prior to joining GDEcD's statewide team as project manager in April 2021, Virginia was a Business Development Manager in the State of Georgia Europe Office in Munich, Germany. There, she was responsible for developing business leads, growing industry networks and understanding strategic industry areas, specifically focusing on renewable energy and the electric vehicle supply chain.

Virginia attended the Dresden University of Technology, Germany, where she achieved her Master of Science, Business Administration, majoring in Energy Economics and Environmental Management with a minor in Global Markets. Her Master Thesis, *Development of Wind and Solar Energy in the United States – Policy Implications for an Efficient Spatial Distribution*, focused on an analysis of existing Federal and State policies for renewable energy and their effectiveness. Virginia is originally from Zimkendorf, Germany and currently resides in Atlanta, Georgia.