



Mike Macon, Balfour Beatty

1. How long have you been a tenant?

Nearly a decade – since 2005

2. How many employees do you have?

Balfour Beatty has 130 employees in the Atlanta area.

3. What does your company do?

We are a commercial construction company with three business units operating out of our Atlanta Galleria office: Commercial, Multi-family and Military Housing. The multi-family work we do is mostly regional. Our Military Housing is focused on managing properties, and that business is national.

4. Why is the Cumberland area and Atlanta Galleria a good place for you to do business?

The area around Atlanta Galleria is proving to be an epicenter for growth in Atlanta. The Braves move to the area is a proof point and we're looking forward to using it as an entertainment venue. I think growth in the area is due to its location at the juncture of I-75 and I-285, which gives companies like us easy access to many areas of Atlanta, including the airport. It's also convenient for our employees, many of whom live in Marietta, North Fulton, and East and West Cobb.

5. What Atlanta Galleria amenity do you use the most?

We're a member of the Georgian Club and hold meetings there regularly. I take advantage of the food options in the buildings and walk the campus regularly. The gym is also popular with employees. We actually hired a broker when our last lease was up, but decided to stay after doing a thorough search. From an amenities and location standpoint, you really can't beat Atlanta Galleria.

6. What are your thoughts on economic development in the Cumberland area and future growth?

I think the Braves' move across the street will spur a lot of interest in this area. With I-285, I-75 and 400 so close, the Cumberland/Galleria area is a better location than Perimeter. More public transportation options would be a plus, but I don't think that will stop this area from growing.

7. What business successes or milestones have you achieved lately?

We're proud to be working on several notable projects around Atlanta, including Buckhead Atlanta and a renovation of the Coca-Cola headquarters. We also do work with Fulton County Schools and the Board of Regents, among other organizations.

8. What does your office do to have fun together and build comradery?

Community service is very important to us. Balfour Beatty employees regularly cook for men at the Atlanta Mission, as well as volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and Must Ministries. I also recently chaired the Walk for Wishes campaign this year, which raised more than \$100,000 for Make-a-Wish Georgia.

9. What is your favorite local lunch spot?

Stoney River. I go there a lot.