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### *Award Winning Edison Company Making Strides in Supply Chain Management Industry*

**Trenton, NJ** – Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno concluded her small business tour this month with a visit to Argent Associates Inc. in Edison today. Argent Associates is a supply-chain management and IT service provider focused on government, enterprise and telecommunications markets.

"Being an entrepreneur is extremely difficult and innovative businesses like Argent Associates know that success comes with cultivating relationships and developing a strong team," said Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno. "The Christie Administration is proud to have them as a member of New Jersey's business community and we commend the leadership and the entire staff of Argent Associates as they continue to extend their footprint in the supply chain management industry."

Founded in 1998, Argent Associates specializes in delivering solutions in logistics, new product deployment, M2M Technology platforms, and supply chain monitoring approaches through quality systems that provide real time information. Argent is also a pioneer in Secured Intelligent Supply Chain Services (SISC), combining expertise in supply chain services with IT based security technologies that redefine the boundaries of current supply chains.

Based in Edison, Argent has grown its business managing more than \$1 billion in assets and is the parent company to three divisions, including Argent Logistics, Pro-Argent, and G-Argent. The company is a certified minority and woman-owned business (MWBE) and in 2011 received AT&T's Supplier of The Year Award, as a Top 5 supplier across thousands of vendors in every supply category. And earlier this month The Women Presidents' Organization (WPO) named Argent Associates, Inc. the 15th Fastest-Growing Women-Owned/Led Company.

"I am so honored that Lt. Governor Guadagno took time out of her schedule to come speak with me about my business and to meet our team. It speaks highly of this Administration that understands that small, minority/women owned businesses are the growth engine of any economy and the engine for job creation and innovation," said Betty Manetta, President & CEO, Argent Associates, Inc. "I started Argent Associates, Inc., like many other entrepreneurs, at home, and have worked hard over the years to make an impression in the business world. It takes a team and strong leadership to grow a company and keep it going through turbulent times. Argent's employees work hard every day and their commitment to quality is what helped us get to where we are now, and I am excited for what's to come."

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, more than half of Americans either own or work for a small business, and they create about two out of every three new jobs in the U.S. each year.

Businesses considering a move or in need of assistance are encouraged to call New Jersey's Business Action Center at (866) 534-7789 or visit the State's Business Portal at [www.newjerseybusiness.gov](http://www.newjerseybusiness.gov).

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