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Walmart Selects Mobile as Site for Fourth Alabama Distribution Center

2.5 million square-foot facility to create more than 550 local full-time jobs

Mobile, AL., March 29, 2017 – Today, Walmart announced plans to build a \$135 million distribution center in Mobile, Alabama. The announcement was the culmination of an effort, supported by state, county and local officials, to strengthen Walmart’s supply chain network while creating more than 550 local full-time jobs.

The new storage and cross-dock facility will be the fourth Walmart Distribution Center in the state. Once completed, it will span more than 2.5 million square feet. The distribution center, which will take approximately 14 months to build, will supply several regional distribution centers supporting approximately 800 Walmart stores in Alabama, Mississippi and other areas to the north.

“We are excited about how this facility will help us serve customers from Alabama to the Great Lakes and the economic impact it will have through local job creation and future economic development in the Mobile area,” said Jeff Breazeale, Walmart’s vice president of Direct Import Logistics. “We are grateful to the State of Alabama, Mobile County, the City of Mobile and the Alabama State Port Authority for the support we have received throughout this process, and we look forward to a strong relationship with the community for years to come.”

During the announcement ceremony, which was hosted by APM Terminals Mobile, the Alabama State Port Authority and the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, state, county and local officials highlighted the many benefits the new distribution center will bring to the area, including increased regional economic growth and local career opportunities with a path for advancement.

“This Walmart distribution center is a perfect example of the strength of Team Mobile, especially our partners who worked with us on this project – Mobile County, the City of Mobile, APM Terminals and the Alabama State Port Authority,” said Troy Wayman, the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce’s vice president of economic development. “We are proud to welcome a company with the scope and influence of Walmart, and look forward to the company’s economic impact on our region.”

Once fully operational, the new distribution center is expected to increase local port traffic approximately 10 percent.

“Walmart’s distribution and logistics center in Mobile County will enhance Alabama’s connection to the global economy and provide a major boost in cargo volume to the Port of Mobile,” said Greg Canfield, secretary of the Alabama Department of Commerce. “The Walmart hub will act as a powerful catalyst for job creation and significantly increase the Port of Mobile operations.”

The Mobile Distribution Center: Building Great Careers

- Once fully operational, the Mobile distribution center will employ more than 550 full-time associates.
- Wages for full-time hourly associates will average more than \$16.50.
- Salaried associates in Mobile are expected to earn \$50,000 or more a year when the facility opens and will be eligible for additional annual incentives.

Walmart in Alabama

The Mobile Distribution Center will become another example of the company's local investment and positive economic impact in Alabama. The company:

- Operates more than 140 Walmart and Sam's Club locations in Alabama, employing more than 38,000 associates across the state.
- Spent \$1.1 billion with local suppliers, supporting more than 32,000 supplier jobs in FYE 2017. *
- Paid more than \$92 million in taxes and collected more than \$660 million in sales taxes in FYE 2016.

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About Walmart

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (NYSE: WMT) helps people around the world save money and live better - anytime and anywhere - in retail stores, online, and through their mobile devices. Each week, over 260 million customers and members visit our 11,695 stores under 59 banners in 28 countries and e-commerce websites in 11 countries. With fiscal year 2017 revenue of \$485.9 billion, Walmart employs approximately 2.3 million associates worldwide. Walmart continues to be a leader in sustainability, corporate philanthropy and employment opportunity. Additional information about Walmart can be found by visiting <http://corporate.walmart.com> on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/walmart> and on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/walmart>.

About the Mobile Area Chamber's Economic Development Efforts

The Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce is a private business organization with more than 2,000 members. The Chamber is the economic developer of record for the city of Mobile and Mobile County. Over the last decade, Mobile's economic development efforts have garnered \$8.47 billion in capital investment and added 15,771 jobs with an average salary of \$45,824, including 35 new businesses recruited and 75 expansions made at existing area companies. Additional information is on the Chamber's website at www.mobilechamber.com, Facebook at <http://facebook.com/MobileChamber> and Twitter at <http://twitter.com/MobileChamber>.



“What They Are Saying”

State & Local Officials Comment on the New Walmart DC in Mobile

“Walmart’s decision to locate an import distribution center in Mobile County is a clear signal that Alabama is serious about creating jobs for its citizens and expanding the potential of the Port of Mobile. Walmart is making a substantial investment in Alabama, and we look forward to expanding our valuable relationship with the company through this project.”

Robert Bentley
Governor of Alabama

“Walmart could have located to any number of major ports in the United States, but the fact that they selected Mobile, Alabama, is both humbling and exciting. We are looking forward to providing a service to Walmart, in the Port of Mobile, that is second to no other port worldwide.”

Brian Harold
Director, APM Terminals Mobile

“Walmart will become a major user of the container intermodal facilities at the Port of Mobile. Modernizing the port and our long-range planning has long focused on recruiting distribution centers into the region. Walmart’s commitment to Mobile only validates those investments and the Port of Mobile’s strategic importance to the nation’s commerce.”

James K. Lyons
CEO, Alabama State Port Authority

“We all have worked very hard to bring this great project to Mobile County. We are excited to add these significant job opportunities to the south part of county with about 550 new full-time jobs”

Jerry Carl
Mobile County Commissioner

“This project represents a tremendous step in establishing Mobile as a global hub for logistics and distribution. I want to thank our partners at the state of Alabama, Mobile County, the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce and the Alabama State Port Authority for working together to bring home a development of this magnitude. Team Mobile is committed to creating jobs for our citizens.”

Sandy Stimpson
Mayor, City of Mobile

“A recent report shows parts of Mobile County having some of highest unemployment rates in the state. The Wal-Mart Distribution Center will create an opportunity for our citizens to obtain employment that pays a living wage and offers career opportunities.”

Merceria Ludgood
Mobile County Commission President