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Mobile Area Chamber Makes New Economic Development Project Announcement

- New seafood processing and distribution company locating in Mobile
- First company to come to Mobile to be near MTC Logistics
- In contracts to buy the old Smith's Bakery; and will hire 54 employees

[Mobile, Ala., 02.25.2021] The Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce reports Ren Seafoods will set up operations in Mobile. **David Rodgers**, the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce's vice president of economic development, announced the company will locate its seafood processing facility and distribution hub in the old Smith's Bakery building on the west I-65 service road.



“This project further cements Mobile as a prime location for logistics and warehousing,” added Rodgers.

Javier Infante, CEO of Ren Seafoods, said, “Most national seafood companies are concentrated in New England, Miami, Seattle, etc. We are creating a hub for seafood distribution covering the Southern region.”

A partnership with MTC Logistics, led Ren Seafoods to Mobile, said Infante. “We are following their path and its vicinity allows us to combine product deliveries to have a unique logistics operation. In addition, there is high-quality, local seafood in this region that we will be able to access for our customer base.”

MTC Logistics broke ground on a 300,000-square-foot cold storage facility across from APM Terminals, and will open later this year.

Brooks Royster, vice president of international supply chain solutions for MTC Logistics, said Ren Seafoods is the first customer to come to Mobile to be near this facility. “It is further testament to Mobile being successful as a logistics hub and able to attract new international players.”

Royster added he expects others will follow suit.

Ren Seafoods will invest \$12.4 million in its new site. Construction is expected to begin in this spring and be completed later this year.

“This exciting announcement is just another example of how well positioned Mobile is to attract businesses from around the country who are looking to invest in a city that is business friendly. We are excited to add Ren Seafoods to our local corporate fabric and look forward to seeing their continued success and growth here in Mobile,” said City of Mobile Mayor **Sandy Stimpson**.

“To have MTC Logistics partner with this new seafood facility expands our growing footprint as a logistics hub and provides much needed support for an industry still rebounding from the Deepwater Horizon event,” said Mobile County Commission President **Merceria Ludgood**.

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About the Mobile Area Chamber's Economic Development Efforts

The Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce is a private business organization with more than 1,800 members, and the economic developer of record for the city of Mobile and Mobile County. Thanks to the support of the Chamber's Partners for Growth public and private investors, from 2010 through 2020 Mobile's economic development efforts created 8,788 new jobs and retained 541 more. Capital investments topped \$4.68 billion, including 31 new businesses recruited and 56 expansion projects at existing area companies. Additional information is on the Chamber's [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).