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Public-Private Partnership Forms Logistics Training Center at Logistics Park Kansas City

EDGERTON, Kan. (February 11, 2015) — To meet the training needs of current companies and to fulfill the employment needs of future companies located at Logistics Park Kansas City (LPKC), several public and private partners have joined forces to create the Logistics Training Center at LPKC. The partners include NorthPoint Development, Johnson County Community College (JCCC), the City of Edgerton, Workforce Partnership, BNSF Railway and the Southwest Johnson County Economic Development Corporation.

NorthPoint is making an in-kind contribution of approximately 5,000 square feet of space for the center, which will house a conference room, training areas, a forklift operations training lab, and offices for JCCC and Workforce Partnership. The facility will be complete in late 2015.

“Participating in the Logistics Training Center is a labor of love. We are abundantly aware and appreciative of the public partners that have made LPKC a reality. Behind those public partners are real people with real aspirations and real dreams for the future. The Logistics Training Center is a chance to fulfill one of the great promises of LPKC as a logistics employment hub”, said John Thomas, Vice President of NorthPoint Development. “As the private development partner at LPKC, NorthPoint is thrilled about this proactive step to insure a well-qualified labor pool into the future.”

JCCC will provide direction, coordination and administrative support for the development and ongoing operations of the training center. JCCC is designing the program around the current and future workforce, training and talent needs of companies at LPKC and in the surrounding area.

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“Johnson County Community College is enthusiastic to be a part of the Logistics Training Center at LPKC initiative,” said Jerry Cook, chair of the JCCC board of trustees. “This endeavor reflects JCCC’s agility within corporate and civic partnerships as we uphold our commitment to meeting the community’s workforce education needs. The efficiencies gained through partnerships like this help our students be successful.”

“The Logistics Training Center at LPKC will be an excellent addition to the City of Edgerton,” adds Edgerton Mayor Donald Roberts. “Developing a program that prepares candidates for a career in warehousing and distribution operations and hosting it right here in our community is a great opportunity for residents and other job seekers to become a part of the supply chain industry that is driving our local economy.”

With a dedicated onsite staffing specialist at LPKC, Workforce Partnership will provide employer and job seeker services — at no cost — including free online job postings, job seeker screening, recruiting and events (informational sessions and job fairs), assessments, subsidized work-based learning, labor market information, salary comparison analysis and job description development.

“We have been very happy with the depth and breadth of the available workforce in Edgerton,” said Smart Warehousing CEO, Carl Wasinger. “As we look to grow in the future, we are excited that the training center will include a one stop shop for job applicants that will also offer the ability to develop skills that will prepare applicants for the jobs that will become available.”

BNSF Railway is also excited about the training center. “Having a supply chain education facility at LPKC gives companies located or considering a move here an edge, and is win-win for everyone involved,” said Darrell Coffey, Director of Economic Development for BNSF Railway.

Several companies at LPKC have been involved with the formation of the training center curriculum and have expressed interest in utilizing its services including, DEMDACO, Smart Warehousing, Kubota and Flexsteel.

For more information about LPKC, visit www.logisticsparkkc.com.

About Logistics Park Kansas City

Located in Edgerton, Kan., Logistics Park Kansas City (LPKC) is a 1,500-acre master-planned distribution and warehouse development anchored by BNSF Railway's newest state-of-the-art intermodal facility. Developed by NorthPoint Development, LPKC is strategically and centrally located in America's heartland, perfectly positioned for the efficient shipment of goods for import and export — serving all points throughout the U.S. LPKC is an excellent location for warehouse and distribution centers. Visit www.logisticsparkkc.com for more information.

About NorthPoint Development

NorthPoint Development is a privately held real estate development company specializing in complex master-planned projects. NorthPoint's core focus is to create long-term value for its customers. At Logistics Park Kansas City, the development team is focused on lowering total operational expenses for distribution centers and logistics-oriented companies. Visit www.beyondthecontract.com for more information.

About Johnson County Community College

With more than 35,000 students enrolled in credit and continuing education classes each semester, Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kansas, is nationally known for excellence in programming and teaching. JCCC offers students a full range of undergraduate credit courses and more than 50 one- and two-year career and certificate programs that prepare students to enter the job market. Visit www.jccc.edu for more information.

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