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Deal: HD Supply to create 500 jobs in Cobb County

Industrial distributor to invest more than \$100 million in metro Atlanta

Gov. Nathan Deal today announced that HD Supply Holdings, Inc., one of the largest industrial distributors in North America, will create 500 new jobs and invest more than \$100 million in Cobb County throughout the next five years.

"Our pro-business climate, highly-skilled workforce and manufacturing infrastructure continue to attract companies like HD Supply to Georgia," said Deal. "The company's expansion will allow them to continue growing as a leader in the industrial distribution industry. I am confident that HD Supply will benefit from opening a new facility in our state and further prove why Georgia is a top destination for job creators."

The new jobs include a range of positions in sales, merchandising, operations, supply chain management, information technology, and finance, among others. HD Supply currently employs approximately 200 associates at its Atlanta headquarters. The new HD Supply Leadership Development Center and headquarters building will consolidate existing HD Supply and HD Supply Facilities Maintenance field support organizations.

"HD Supply is thrilled to deepen its commitment to and partnership with Cobb County and the state of Georgia," said HD Supply Chairman, President and CEO Joe DeAngelo. "This strategic growth investment establishes our HD Supply Leadership Development Center, which will accelerate growth as we attract and develop talent, drive customer-centric partnerships and extend our One Team culture."

HD Supply provides a broad range of products and value-added services to more than 500,000 customers in maintenance, repair and operations, water infrastructure and residential and non-residential construction markets. The company's leading businesses include HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, HD Supply Waterworks, and HD Supply Construction & Industrial - White Cap.

"Cobb County is fortunate to have HD supply in our community and grateful for their confidence in us as they choose to expand," said Cobb County Board of Commissioners Chairman Tim Lee. "Over the years, HD Supply has made significant investment, created hundreds of jobs and has undoubtedly contributed to the tremendous economic success of Cobb County. We are excited about what the future holds for HD Supply and thank them for creating more high-quality jobs for our community."

Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) project manager Shirlynn Brownell represented the Global Commerce division in partnership with the Cobb County Development Authority, the Cobb Chamber of Commerce, members of Cobb's Competitive EDGE initiative, Georgia Power and the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.

“HD Supply’s decision to expand in metro Atlanta is more great news for the region and a strong signal that our economy continues to grow,” said Metro Atlanta Chamber President and CEO Hala Moddelmog. “This move also strengthens our area’s supply chain and logistics network. Congratulations to Cobb County on this great win.”

“We are excited about HD Supply’s choice to expand in Cobb County,” said GDEcD Commissioner Chris Carr. “This decision is a testament to the region’s pro-business environment, highly-skilled workforce, and well-connected infrastructure network. We look forward to supporting HD Supply in opportunities for future growth.”

About HD Supply Holdings, Inc.

HD Supply is one of the largest industrial distributors in North America. The company provides a broad range of products and value-add services to approximately 500,000 customers with leadership positions in maintenance, repair and operations, water infrastructure and specialty construction sectors.