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Hershey Company Announces New Facility in Ogden

The Hershey Company, North America's largest manufacturer of quality chocolate and sugar confectionery products, announced today that it would accept an incentive offered by the State of Utah for a distribution center to be built in Business Depot Ogden.

"We're very pleased to be building Hershey's new distribution center in Ogden," said David J. West, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Hershey Company. "I want to thank the State of Utah and the city of Ogden for their support. Our new distribution center represents a significant investment in Utah and will contribute to Hershey's long-term success by enabling us to meet the needs of our customers."

Hershey's investment in Utah, like that of other nationally recognized companies that are coming to our State, underscores the strength of the Utah economy going forward.

"Our productive workforce, superior location and transportation infrastructure, along with an unparalleled quality of life will continue to keep Utah in the forefront as one of America's best states for business," said Governor Jon Huntsman. "Hershey will be a great addition to the growing and vibrant Ogden community."

With revenues of nearly \$5 billion and almost 13,000 employees worldwide, The Hershey Company markets such iconic brands as *Hershey's*, *Reese's*, *Hershey's Kisses*, *Kit Kat*, *Twizzlers* and *Ice Breakers*.

The location of a new western distribution center in Utah is part of a company plan to make their distribution footprint more flexible, cost effective and relevant for their customers. More than 100 new full-time jobs will be created in Ogden, Utah with projected wages well above the Weber County median salary. New state revenue will be about \$13 million over 10 years, and the company expects to make a capital investment of about \$38 million in the facility.

"A team of partners were involved in helping attract the Hershey Company to the Business Depot Ogden. Among those involved with Ogden City were the Governor's Office of Economic Development, the Economic Development Corporation of Utah, Big D Construction and GSBS Architects. It took everyone to make this happen," said Ogden Mayor Matthew Godfrey.

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