

U.S. Foodservice Announces Aggressive Expansion Plans

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ROSEMONT, Ill., Oct. 15 /PRNewswire/ -- U.S. Foodservice, Inc. today announced plans to invest \$100 million in capital projects that will significantly expand its operations. These include the construction of a new facility in Ogden, UT and major expansions of current facilities in Boca Raton, FL and Plymouth, MN.

"These major investments will position us well for the future in fast-growing U.S. markets," said Robert Aiken, President and CEO of U.S. Foodservice. "They will increase our capacity significantly and provide state-of-the-art facilities to enhance service to customers."

In Ogden, UT, U.S. Foodservice will build a new full-service, broadline food distribution facility on 36 acres of land it recently purchased. The ultra-modern, multi-temperature 265,000 square foot facility will be designed to accommodate future expansions in the Intermountain West region - one of the fastest growing areas in the country. The new site will initially employ approximately 300 people, and will replace the facility currently located in Clearfield, UT. Distribution is expected to begin there in late 2008.

In south Florida, U.S. Foodservice is adding 123,000 square feet to its existing facility in Boca Raton. When completed in approximately 18 months, the 300,000 square foot facility will allow U.S. Foodservice to expand offerings and enhance service to the south Florida market. U.S. Foodservice's existing Pompano Beach operation will be consolidated into the Boca Raton facility when complete.

In Plymouth, MN, U.S. Foodservice is increasing the size of its existing facility to add 100,000 square feet of new space which will allow for expansions to the dry warehouse, refrigerated dock space, and freezer. This will result in a 50% increase in the facility's capacity.

"The new facility and expansions we are announcing today are in addition to our projects that are already underway in Raleigh, Dallas, Oklahoma City, and Las Vegas," Aiken explained.

"These projects mark the beginning of an aggressive capital expansion program, implemented with the support of our company's new owners, Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, Inc. and Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. We look forward to announcing plans for additional capital expansions shortly."

About the Company

U.S. Foodservice is the second largest broadline (broad range of products) food service distributor in the United States. It is a full-service distributor with more than 27,000 employees in 70 locations nationwide. The company distributes food and related products to 250,000 clients across the United States, including restaurants, hospitals, hotels, schools, government and other establishments where food is prepared outside of the home.

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