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### Kohl's to Build Regional Merchandise Processing and Distribution Center in Macon, GA

Ken Bonning, Senior Vice President of Logistics for Kohl's, joined with Governor Sonny Perdue to announce that Kohl's will build a Regional Merchandise Processing and Distribution Center in Macon, GA. The new 520,000 sf facility will be located on 80 acres in Airport East Park, the Macon Bibb County Industrial Authority's new 200 acre park on GA 247. Initial plans call for 200 employees and approximately \$40 million investment in building and equipment. The facility could expand to over 600,000 sf and 400 employees. Kohl's will be the first company to locate in the Park.

Kohl's new facility will serve current and future stores in the Southeast. Construction is scheduled to begin early 2004 with opening scheduled for summer 2005. Kohl's, the fastest growing retail chain in America operates 542 stores in 36 states. The company is based in Menomonee Falls, WI.

"This is a great holiday present for the citizens of Macon, Bibb County and middle Georgia. Kohl's will be a great addition to our community and we welcome them," states Charlotte McMullan, Chairman of the Macon Economic Development Commission. "This successful project was the result of a lot of hard work and cooperation among our county, city, Industrial Authority, state and the Macon Economic Development Commission," continues McMullan. "We want to thank the Georgia Department of Industry, Trade and Tourism, the One Georgia Authority and the Georgia Department of Transportation for their assistance in making this project happen in Macon," continued McMullan.

"This project is an example of how this community can come together to bring jobs to our area," states Patrick Topping, CECD, Senior Vice President of the Macon Economic Development Commission. "Kohl's hired a top notch firm, Binswanger, to conduct a wide search for their new facility and we are proud that we were selected," continues Topping. "Every agency they met with, P&Z, Inspection and Fees, Engineering, the Macon Water Authority, and the Macon Bibb County Industrial Authority had one message – how can we help. Without that attitude Kohl's would not be here."

Based in Menomonee Falls, Wis., Kohl's is a family-focused, value-oriented specialty department store offering moderately priced national brand apparel, shoes, accessories and home products. Including the stores that open in October, Kohl's operates 542 stores in 36 states. For a list of store locations and information, or for the added convenience of shopping online, visit Kohl's Website at [www.kohls.com](http://www.kohls.com).

The Kohl's logo consists of the word "KOHL'S" in a bold, dark red, sans-serif font. Below it, the tagline "expect great things" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.