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TLC Distribution Center Announces Quick Start Training Initiative



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TLC, Total Logistic Control, provides solutions in distribution, transportation, packaging and manufacturing to some of the leading corporations in the world. Sara Lee is completing a brand new cold storage distribution center that will be operated and managed by TLC. The distribution center will primarily distribute frozen bakery items and meats to grocery store chains, such as Kroger, Winn-Dixie, Publix and Wal-Mart. The new, 214,000 square-foot facility is in the final stages of construction and is located on a 33 acre site in the I-75 Business Park in south Bibb County.

Quick Start is Georgia's premiere economic development program, administered through the Department of Technical and Adult Education. The Quick Start program is an economic incentive program that provides employee training, at no cost, for qualified companies moving into the state and qualified existing companies that are expanding their work force. The Quick Start program has been in existence since 1967. During this time period, more than 515,000 students have benefited from Quick Start services in a wide variety of more than 4,600 expansion and relocation projects.

The Quick Start training agreement was developed based on a Project Study that was conducted at the TLC Distribution Center in Phoenix, Arizona. The training agreement is based on TLC commitment to provide approximately 140 new jobs for Georgians in the Macon area. Quick Start will be designing and developing training material, as well as providing instructors, for the classes.

The training program involves three distinct partners: TLC, Central Georgia Technical College, and Quick Start. Each partner will be responsible for the successful completion of this program. The partnership will not end when the Quick Start training is completed. Central Georgia Technical College will be available to assist TLC with ongoing training programs.

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