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This artist's rending of the facility from shows an aerial view of the 1 million square-foot Dollar General distribution center.

## DOLLAR GENERAL

## **WORK IN PROGRESS** Construction continues for Dollar General distribution center



Signs for both counties are visible outside the 1 million square foot Dollar General Distribution Center on Jackson Road, at the Spaiding and Butts county line.

of Interstate 75, on the Butts/Spalding county line, is the company's 15th distribution center. It is expected to create more than 500 new jobs at full capacity.

The facility is scheduled be operational by fall 2017, according to Dollar General, which anticipates the project to be a local economic developmental catalyst where hundreds of jobs are expected to support the center's construction.

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"We plan to begin our initial hiring phase within the next month. In fact, we are planning a hiring event on Saturday, May 20. Exact details are still being ironed out, but we're excited to begin the hiring process in iust over a month."

art distribution center

will help support our

rapid store growth

throughout Georgia

and the southeast,"

chief executive officer

when the project was

said Todd Vasos,

of Dollar General,

Dollar General corporate

announced last year. The new distribution center is expected to serve more than 1,000 stores in the Southeast including the more than 700 stores in Georgia. Dollar General's 14 other

distribution centers are located in Alabama, California, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin.

The project was a joint effort, with the two counties creating the Butts/Spalding Joint **Development Authority** just for this project, which has issued \$85 million in bonds for the project.

According to the agreements for the joint authority, the revenue generated from the issuance of permits

and assessment of ad valorem taxes will be prorated and shared by the counties based on the square footage of the development, building and equipment in each county. The issuing county shall be responsible for remitting payment within 30 days of receipt of fees and taxes to the non-issuing county.

Butts County Water and Sewer Authority extended water and sewer lines across the Interstate and up to the county line a few years ago and is providing water and sewerage services the site.

— Crystal Ghassemi



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Construction continues at the site of the Dollar General Distribution Center along the Butts and Spalding county line.