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Prime, Inc. bringing 120 jobs to Spalding County

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GRIFFIN — A major transportation company is planning to establish a new Southeastern regional hub in Spalding County, bringing new jobs and a large-scale facility just outside Griffin.

Gov. Brian Kemp announced Tuesday that Prime Inc., a North American transportation company, will invest more than \$160 million to build a new facility at the High Falls 16 Business Center. The project is expected to create more than 120 full-time jobs, along with positions for

more than 50 professional drivers.

Prime specializes in refrigerated, flatbed, tanker, hopper intermodal, and logistics transportation with a fleet of more than 7,000 units and more than 8,500 drivers.

“Prime, Inc.’s new campus

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Special photo

Prime, Inc. will invest more than \$160 million to establish a new Southeastern regional hub in Spalding County. The new facility will create more than 120 new, full-time jobs in addition to hiring over 50 professional drivers.

American Express Co.	3.821	329.06	+2.10	-40.89
Bank of America Corp.	1.114	54.32	+97	-0.68
Best Buy Co. Inc.	3.813	63.39	+1.33	-3.54
Boeing Co.	8.2	223.93	+16	+6.81
Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.	2.517	57.89	-0.19	+3.95
Caterpillar Inc.	6.041	770.17	-24.08	+197.30
Chevron Corp.	7.128	184.91	-2.11	+32.50
Cisco Systems Inc.	1.630	82.36	-0.25	+5.27
Citigroup Inc.	2.419	131.69	+2.11	+15.00
Coca-Cola Co., The	2.125	75.31	-0.59	+5.40
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	2.132	83.49	-0.67	+4.47
ConAgra Brands Inc.	1.4	14.09	-0.19	-3.22
Deere & Co.	6.433	576.64	-19.40	+111.07
Delta Air Lines Inc.	0.7 9	71.99	+29	+2.59
DuPont de Nemours Inc.	0.821	46.06	-0.62	+5.86
Exxon Mobil Corp.	4.122	149.01	-0.23	+28.67
Ford Motor Co.	0.6	12.71	.00	-0.41
GE Aerospace	1.839	313.93	-4.07	+5.90
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.	0.6	6.73	-0.11	-2.03
HP Inc.	1.2 7	19.23	+24	-3.05
Home Depot Inc., The	9.324	338.91	-3.80	-5.19
Honeywell International Inc.	4.733	232.19	-1.05	+37.10
Intel Corp.	0.5	64.94	+1.13	+28.04
International Paper Co.	1.8	36.51	-0.03	-2.88
Intl Business Machines Co.	6.722	244.80	+4.53	-51.41
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	6.015	305.93	-5.19	-16.29
Johnson & Johnson	5.322	238.67	-1.43	+31.72
Kroger Co., The	1.443	66.63	-0.56	+4.15
McDonald's Corp.	7.426	306.26	+3.04	+6.3
Merck & Co. Inc.	3.416	117.90	-2.06	+12.64

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will further add to Georgia's \$107 billion transportation and logistics industry that creates and supports jobs in every corner of our state," Governor Brian Kemp said in a press release.

Construction on the facility will take place in multiple phases over several years. The first phase is expected to be completed in the third or fourth quarter of 2027.

The new campus will support a range of operations, including driver training, equipment maintenance and logistics services. It will also feature amenities for drivers and additional services such as the sale of used truck and trailer equipment and an on-site tire recycling operation.

Corey Doel, a representative for Prime, said the variety of services planned for the campus will translate into a wide range of job opportunities for local residents. Along with drivers, the facility will seek mechanics, general maintenance personnel and more.

"Our campus is going to be pretty diverse in the type of needs and the type of services that we provide

for our drivers," Doel said. "That's going to create a lot of different opportunities, whether it be in our maintenance shops or our cafe or dining. We've got an eco-shred facility that's going to break down old tires and create mulch out of them. We'll have security people, general maintenance for our facility. We're touching a lot of different areas for a lot of different skill sets."

With the facility's first date of operation more than a year away, the company is taking the time to evaluate the local labor market, Doel said. Salary ranges for the various positions will be finalized at a later date.

Beyond initial hiring, Doel emphasized that Prime aims to promote from within and offer long-term career growth.

"One thing that we've definitely been able to see is growth of our associates from the inside and really give them that opportunity to prosper," Doel said. "If they work hard, then they deserve to be rewarded by new opportunities."

Prime officials indicated that local businesses could play a role in building the new campus. While final decisions will be made by a general contractor, subcontracting work will be open for bids, including from Spalding County vendors. The company also anticipates

sourcing materials locally if feasible.

Doel said Prime is also looking to establish strong ties within the community as the project moves forward, including potential partnerships with local schools and workforce organizations.

"We want to ingratiate ourselves in the community and make sure that we make all the connections that are necessary," Doel said. "Whether it be the local high schools or technical [colleges], we plan to meet with the Chamber of Commerce and — anybody, really — to introduce ourselves to the community."

Local leaders said the project is expected to strengthen Spalding County's role in Georgia's logistics industry while creating new opportunities for residents.

"Prime's facility promises a significant capital investment and excellent career opportunities for the residents of Griffin and Spalding County," said Nat Doughie, chairman of the Griffin-Spalding Development Authority. "The additional facilities the company is building into the campus enhances the employee and driver experience, and we look forward to welcoming Prime to our growing and thriving community."