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H.T. Hackney Co. Relocates to Milton
Hackney Co. to Break Ground on Distribution Center

MILTON, Fla.— TEAM Santa Rosa announces the groundbreaking of H.T. Hackney Co.'s distribution center in Milton. The event is on Thursday, July 23 at the Santa Rosa Industrial Park from 8 a.m. until 8:30 a.m.

H.T. Hackney Co. owns a 29.93-acre property in the Santa Rosa County Industrial Park which they purchased with the help of TEAM Santa Rosa. On July 23, they break ground on a new 158,584 square foot facility.

H.T. Hackney Co. is a food distribution business that supplies a wide variety of products from dairy to snack items to convenience and grocery stores as well as pharmacies.

The new Milton location will offer benefits with their compensation packages and salaries that are approximately 15% above the average wage in Santa Rosa County. This particular location will not only provide distribution services, but will also have a 6,989 square foot fleet service center. Available jobs will include warehouse, drivers, and mechanics. Though the company is relocating their current 35,000 square foot operation from near-by Pensacola, their expansion to over 158,000 square feet of workspace will bring jobs to Santa Rosa County.

H. T. Hackney Co. was founded in 1891 and currently operates 28 distribution facilities supplying over 20,000 retail stores in a 22 state service area. The new Milton distribution center will distribute milk, ice cream, groceries, snacks, water, juices and tobacco products to the convenience, grocery and drug channels of trade. The service area for the Milton distribution center will be the Florida panhandle portions of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana.

H.T. Hackney Co. chose to locate to the Santa Rosa County Industrial Park because it offered large parcels of land with ideal proximity to Interstate 10 along with an excellent work force.

"TEAM Santa Rosa worked with us on our land purchase and provided us with workforce statistics and information that created a strong draw for us to this area. We could not have made this happen with out TEAM's help," stated Dean Ballinger, Vice President, COO of H.T. Hackney Co.

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"H.T. Hackney Co.'s presence in Santa Rosa County will enhance our local economy as good new jobs will be created by their company locating here. Having a distribution warehouse and fleet maintenance facility at which to offer jobs to Santa Rosa's brings added value," stated TEAM Chair Ed Gray.

TEAM Santa Rosa Economic Development Council, Inc. is Santa Rosa County's central facilitator for attracting, retaining, and expanding industry, as well as for recruiting and retaining employees. Our vision is to create a vibrant, prosperous, and sustainable community of communities where children of today can live, work and thrive tomorrow.

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