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Governor Wolf Announces Ace Hardware Will Establish New Northeast Distribution Center in Lebanon County and Create 208 Jobs

Harrisburg, PA – Governor Tom Wolf announced today that Ace Hardware Corporation, a retailer-owned hardware cooperative, will establish its new northeast distribution center in Bethel Township, Lebanon County. The move will result in the creation of 208 jobs.

“Today’s announcement is great news for Lebanon County, and highlights the benefits of Pennsylvania’s strategic location,” said Governor Wolf. “Pennsylvania’s proximity and access to markets makes it a prime choice for these types of distribution centers. On behalf of the commonwealth and Lebanon County, I congratulate Ace for its expansion and the work it is bringing to the state.”

Ace will lease an 874,126-square-foot facility in Bethel Township and will expand an additional 206,000 square feet to operate a 1.1 million-square-foot distribution center that will serve many stores throughout Pennsylvania, New York, Virginia, New Jersey and Washington, D.C. This facility will become part of Ace’s expansive network of distribution centers located around the globe. The company will make a total capital investment of \$20 million in the project and has also committed to the creation of 208 new, full-time jobs and the retention of 65 current Pennsylvania positions over the next three years.

“Fredericksburg is an ideal location for our new facility, centrally located to major cities in the northeast, and close in proximity to a substantial amount of Ace Hardware stores,” said Lori Bossmann, Executive Vice President, Supply Chain, Inventory Replenishment and Retail Support for Ace Hardware Corporation. “The opening of our new distribution center will create operational efficiencies across our entire supply chain network. Stores serviced from this facility will benefit from the stocking of thousands of products and a more streamlined approach to merchandise distribution. We look forward to building relationships with the community of Fredericksburg, and growing our ties with the state of Pennsylvania.”

Ace received a funding proposal from the Department of Community and Economic Development that includes a \$300,000 Pennsylvania First Program grant, \$208,000 in Job Creation Tax Credits to be distributed upon creation of the new jobs, and \$60,000 in WEDnetPA funding for employee training.

The project was coordinated by the Governor’s Action Team, an experienced group of economic development professionals who report directly to the governor and work with businesses that are considering locating or expanding in Pennsylvania, in collaboration with the Lebanon Valley Economic Development Corporation.

"We are pleased that Ace Hardware has selected Lebanon County for their newest facility," said Susan Eberly, President and CEO of the Lebanon Valley Economic Development Corporation. "Ace is a family household name with a brand and reputation that is built on integrity. They have made the commitment to bring quality jobs to the area and we look forward to assisting with this transition."

Ace Hardware Corporation is the world's largest hardware retail cooperative. Ace operates more than 5,000 locally owned-and-operated stores in all 50 states and in more than 60 countries. In addition to the distribution capabilities in the U.S., Ace also services Ningbo, China; Colon, Panama; and Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

For more information, visit <http://www.acehardware.com/>.

For more information about the [Governor's Action Team](#) or DCED, visit dced.pa.gov.

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