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Charlotte's Coke Consolidated to open Triad facility, add jobs

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Charlotte-based Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated will open a new, 135,300-square-foot facility at the McConnell Center in Greensboro, with plans to add up to 20 new jobs and invest \$4 million into the operation.

The **Greensboro Chamber of Commerce** announced the company's expansion plans Thursday morning. The new jobs will add to the company's presence in Greensboro, where the firm employs 230 at 8200 Capital Drive.

"Our company was founded in Greensboro in 1902, so the city holds a special place in our hearts," said Kimberly Kuo, senior vice president of public affairs for Coca-Cola Consolidated. "This new facility will enable us to more efficiently serve our retail customers and loyal consumers throughout the region."

The expansion was made possible due to a collaboration between numerous groups and organizations including the Guilford County Economic Development Alliance, the city of Greensboro, Duke Energy, the Guilford County Workforce Development Board, the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina, listing agency Triad Commercial Properties, co-developer and general contractor Windsor Commercial, property developer Pete Gorla, and Development Advisors Inc.

City of Greensboro councilwoman Sharon Hightower said the company's investment "drives momentum in quality job creation and new opportunities for the area."

Coke Consolidated (NASDAQ:COKE) is planning to open the Greensboro facility as it also plans to expand its territory to parts of five states and to buy three plants in Ohio and Indiana. The company is the nation's largest independent Coca-Cola bottler.

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Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated (NASDAQ:COKE), based in Charlotte, is expanding with a 135,300-square-foot facility in Greensboro, where the company currently employs 230 people at 8200 Capital Drive.



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Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated to Expand in Greensboro/Guilford County

Greensboro, N.C. – **Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated**, plans to expand its presence in Greensboro and Guilford County with the opening of a new 135,300 square foot facility at McConnell Center in Greensboro. Coke Consolidated will add 15-20 new jobs with an investment of at least \$4 million. The company currently employs 230 people at 8200 Capital Drive in Greensboro.

City of Greensboro **Mayor Nancy Vaughan** said, "Coke Consolidated began operations in Greensboro as far back as 1902. With this announcement, the company is further strengthening its position in Greensboro and Guilford County. We appreciate their continued investment in the region."

"We're excited to celebrate Coca-Cola Consolidated's selection of McConnell Center as the location for the company's expansion to East Greensboro. This investment in a new facility of offering approximately 135,300 square feet drives momentum in quality job creation and new opportunities for the area," said City of Greensboro **Councilwoman Sharon Hightower**.

The Guilford County Economic Development Alliance consisting of the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce and High Point Economic Development Corporation, worked together with the City of Greensboro, Duke Energy, the Guilford County Workforce Development Board, the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina, listing agency Triad Commercial Properties, co-developer and general contractor Windsor Commercial, property developer Pete Gorla, and Development Advisors Incorporated, in securing Coke Consolidated's investment in Guilford County.

"On behalf of the Guilford County Economic Development Alliance, I would like to thank Coke Consolidated for expanding in our community. We are committed to fostering a competitive business climate to ensure their continued success," said **Derek Ellington**, chair of the Greensboro Chamber Economic Development Advisory Board and Triad Market President for Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

“Our Company was founded in Greensboro in 1902, so the city holds a special place in our hearts,” said Kimberly Kuo, Sr. VP of Public Affairs for Coca-Cola Consolidated. “This new facility will enable us to more efficiently serve our retail customers and loyal consumers throughout the region.”

About the Greensboro Chamber

The Greensboro Chamber of Commerce is the largest business organization in the community serving more than 1,000 member businesses through programming designed to help them succeed and grow. A partner in the Guilford County Economic Development Alliance, the Chamber also serves as Greensboro’s primary economic development organization, with special emphasis placed on community and entrepreneurial advancement through Action Greensboro and Launch Greensboro.

About Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated

Coke Consolidated is the largest independent Coca-Cola bottler in the United States. Our Purpose is to honor God, serve others, pursue excellence and grow profitably. For 115 years, we have been deeply committed to the consumers, customers, and communities we serve and passionate about the broad portfolio of beverages and services we offer. We make, sell and distribute beverages of The Coca-Cola Company and other partner companies in more than 300 brands and flavors across 16 states to over 50 million consumers.

Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Coke Consolidated is traded on the NASDAQ under the symbol COKE. More information about the company is available at www.cokeconsolidated.com. Follow Coke Consolidated on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).