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SADDLE CREEK LOGISTICS SERVICES

City of Joliet Mayor Tom Giarrante announced today that Saddle Creek Logistics Services is requesting the City of Joliet approve a five year, 50% property tax abatement for the development of a 1,000,000 square foot building in the CenterPoint Development. They are a large, national logistics corporation with 37 locations nationwide. This $43,000,000 investment will employ approximately 200 permanent associates and create an estimated 250 construction jobs. They are asking for this incentive to make a commitment to Joliet rather than alternative sites, including one in Indiana. Saddle Creek is responsible for the property tax as part of their lease agreement with CenterPoint so the incentive is for the end user, not the developer.

The Joliet facility will include a light manufacturing assembly component of off-road recreational vehicles, beverage packaging, and other distribution services. Construction would begin in the spring of 2015, and be operational by the end of the year.

City staff is also recommending that the Mayor and City Council adopt an economic incentive that would rebate the local sales tax for building materials that were purchased from existing Joliet businesses, excluding fixtures, equipment or furniture (items that can be moved out of the building). This provides an economic incentive to the developer and building occupant and creates a competitive market for our current Joliet building suppliers.

The Mayor stated, “Joliet and the State of Illinois need to remain competitive in the national market and the City should be willing to offer financial incentives to keep and create new job opportunities for our residents”.

James D. Hock
City Manager

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