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## **Chewy, Inc. Selects Belton, MO in the Kansas City Region for Large ECommerce Fulfillment Center**

*Online retailer of pet food and pet-related products will create more than 1,200 jobs in Belton, Mo.*

**July 21, 2020** – Chewy, Inc. (“Chewy”) announced today the opening of a new 800,000-sq.-ft. eCommerce fulfillment center in Belton, Missouri. The online retailer of pet food and pet-related products, dual-headquartered in Dania Beach, Florida and Boston, Massachusetts, plans to create more than 1,200 jobs.

“We are thrilled to open our first fulfillment center in Missouri and continue to grow our team. We’re so excited to be a part of this community and look forward to having a presence in the region,” said Diane Pelkey, Vice President of Communications and Public Relations at Chewy.

Chewy’s new KC operation at Southview Commerce Center will be one of the largest fulfillment centers in its network, by square footage. Founded in 2011, Chewy operates out of more than 15 locations, including 6.1 million sq. ft. of fulfillment, across the U.S. The online retail platform offers pet products from more than 2,000 brands.

[Cushman & Wakefield](#), led the site selection process for this project.

“Now more than ever, Missouri’s innovative businesses, logistics infrastructure and talented workforce are critical to our economy,” said Missouri Governor Mike Parson. “Chewy, Inc.’s decision to expand in Belton and create new jobs for Missouri families is a testament to our ongoing business strengths even as we work to recover from COVID-19. We welcome Chewy to Missouri and look forward to working together as the company grows and invests in our state.”

In the last five years, the Kansas City area has successfully attracted eCommerce operations pledging to create more than 7,000 jobs, invest \$1.3 billion and occupy 15 million sq. ft. The region is known as one of the nation’s top five trucking centers, where 85% of the U.S. population can be reached in two days or less. [Read more](#) about the KC region’s advantages for eCommerce.

“I am delighted that Chewy, Inc. has chosen NorthPoint Development’s Southview Commerce Center, in the great city of Belton, to be home to its newest eCommerce fulfillment center,” said Mayor Jeff Davis. “This 800,000-sq.-ft. project will complete the Commerce Center and bring more than 1,200 new jobs to our community. I know that I speak on behalf of the City Council when I say how excited we are about the opportunities this project creates for our city.”

The Kansas City Area Development Council was proud to work with a number of regional partners in attracting Chewy, Inc., to the Kansas City region, including the State of Missouri, Missouri Partnership, City of Belton, Cushman & Wakefield, NorthPoint Development, Evergy, Spire, QPS Employment Services, Aerotek and KC SmartPort.

“This is the perfect time to welcome Chewy, Inc.’s eCommerce fulfillment center to the KC region,” said Tim Cowden, president and CEO of the Kansas City Area Development Council. “The KC Heartland is the crossroads of North America, and offers a strong advantage for eCommerce operations.”

#### **About Chewy, Inc.**

Our mission is to be the most trusted and convenient online destination for pet parents everywhere. We believe that we are the preeminent online source for pet products, supplies and prescriptions as a result of our broad selection of high-quality products, which we offer at competitive prices and deliver with an exceptional level of care and a personal touch. We continually develop innovative ways for our customers to engage with us, and partner with more than 2,000 of the best and most trusted brands in the pet industry, to bring a high-bar, customer-centric experience to our customers.

#### **About KC SmartPort**

[KC SmartPort](#) is the authority on logistics opportunities in the 18-county, bi-state Kansas City region. A nonprofit economic development organization, KC SmartPort promotes and enhances the Kansas City region’s status as a leading North American logistics hub. KC SmartPort is affiliated with the [Kansas City Area Development Council](#), the regional economic development organization for the 18-county Kansas City metro.

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