

Kansas City Attracts New CVS Pharmacy Distribution Center

National retail pharmacy to build a 762,000-sq.-ft. operation, creating more than 360 new jobs

Kansas City Mo., December 14, 2016: The [Kansas City Area Development Council](#) announced today that CVS Pharmacy, America's leading retail pharmacy, will build a 762,000-sq.-ft. distribution center at KC's Skyport Industrial Park. The new distribution center is expected to create more than 360 new jobs, as well as up to 100 additional jobs that will be outsourced to local businesses.

CVS Pharmacy expects to break ground on the 71-acre facility, located at 108th Street and North Congress near Kansas City International Airport and Interstate 29, in January 2017 and immediately start construction.

"The key combination of a high-quality workforce and a centralized location will support the growing needs of our customers throughout the Midwest and beyond," said Kevin Hourican, Executive Vice President, Pharmacy Services & Supply Chain, CVS Health. "As a result of our new Midwest distribution center, our delivery drivers will drive hundreds of thousands fewer miles each year to deliver product to our stores, significantly reducing carbon emissions and improving highway safety."

The new distribution center, expected to begin operations in 2018, will support the service and fulfillment needs of more than 370 CVS Pharmacy stores throughout the Midwest.

"Kansas City continues to be recognized as a signature location for regional and national distribution due to our central location and quality workforce," said Kansas City Area Development Council President and CEO Tim Cowden. "We are thrilled that CVS Pharmacy has chosen the KC region for its new Midwest distribution center and look forward to its success."

"Missouri recently reached record employment, with more folks back at work in our state than ever before," Missouri Governor Jay Nixon said. "Today's announcement by CVS Pharmacy to create 360 new jobs in Kansas City will continue this momentum, and is great news for area families. Once again, Missouri has shown the nation that we are open for business with a strong and growing economy."

"CVS Pharmacy's decision to locate this regional distribution center in the Kansas City area affirms the transportation infrastructure advantages of this region and the competitive costs for distributing to the greater Midwest." said KC SmartPort President Chris Gutierrez. "We are proud to welcome this new CVS Pharmacy facility to our KC region."

"On behalf of CVS Pharmacy, we are thrilled to grow our presence in the Kansas City business community. This new location will help us better support our expanding distribution needs in the Midwestern market," said Ron Link, Senior Vice President of Logistics at CVS/pharmacy. "We want to thank state and local officials for their cooperation and support during our site selection process."

KCADC worked with the following partners in attracting CVS Pharmacy to the KC region: State of Missouri, The Missouri Partnership, Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City, Platte County Economic Development Council, KCP&L, Cushman & Wakefield, NorthPoint

Development, Metropolitan Community College, Focus Workforces, IMKO Workforce Solutions, QPS Employment Group, Full Employment Council, Missouri Division of Workforce Development, UPS, Scarbrough International, Ltd., Port KC and KC SmartPort.

About CVS Pharmacy

CVS Pharmacy, the retail division of CVS Health (NYSE: CVS), is America's leading retail pharmacy with over 9,600 locations. It is the first national pharmacy to end the sale of tobacco and the first pharmacy in the nation to receive the Community Pharmacy accreditation from URAC, the leading health care accreditation organization that establishes quality standards for the health care industry. CVS Pharmacy is reinventing pharmacy to help people on their path to better health by providing the most accessible and personalized expertise, both in its stores and online at CVS.com. General information about CVS Pharmacy and CVS Health is available at www.cvshealth.com.

About KCADC

The Kansas City Area Development Council serves the 18-county, two-state Kansas City area by marketing the region's business and lifestyle assets to companies around the world. Working closely with its 50+ state, county and community partners and its more than 250 corporate partners across the region, KCADC has attracted companies pledging to create more than 60,000 new jobs over its 40-year history. KCADC's affiliate, [KC SmartPort](#), is the authority on logistics and opportunities in the 18-county, bi-state Kansas City region. www.thinkkc.com

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