

## ***\$65 million dry-goods distribution center in Northern Kentucky under way***

**WALTON, Ky. (July 20, 2021)** – In celebrating today’s opening of a Dollar General distribution center and the 300 distribution jobs being created in the commonwealth and the company.

“Joining with Dollar General’s leadership team, new employees and local leaders to help open this facility today makes a clear statement about the distribution and logistics industry, a sector seeing supercharged demand as we sprint out of this pandemic. My congratulations go to the company’s eight-decade partnership with Kentucky continue to flourish.”

The 630,000-square-foot warehouse represents a \$65 million investment. At full capacity, the dry-goods distribution center will create 300 jobs.

“We are excited to celebrate our Walton distribution center grand opening and to continue supporting Kentucky communities, including Gov. Beshear, Northern Kentucky Economic Development, Boone County Judge/Executive Gary Moore, the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, and the Walton community. We look forward to welcoming new employees into the Dollar General family and being a longstanding business partner in the Boone County community.”

Dollar General’s roots trace to 1939 when Scottsville, Kentucky-based J.L. and Cal Turner opened J.L. Turner and Son Wholesale. The idea became successful and other stores they owned were quickly converted from wholesale to retail.

In Kentucky, Dollar General’s presence now includes two distribution centers – the other being in Scottsville – as well as nearly 1,000 retail stores. In addition, the company has a distribution center, a 160,000-square-foot DG Fresh facility in Bowling Green.

As a target industry for the state, the logistics and distribution sector employs nearly 80,000 people at 590 facilities across Kentucky. The state is committed to creating nearly 2,000 full-time, Kentucky-resident jobs over the coming years with 34 facility expansions.

Kentucky’s ideal geographic location continues to help attract distribution and logistics facilities. Within a day’s drive of Kentucky, the state is experiencing strong economic momentum.

In early July, thanks to strong fiscal management by the Beshear administration, the state budget office reported the commonwealth’s fiscal year 2021 revenue at \$23.15 billion.

So far this year, Gov. Beshear and his administration have announced over \$2.2 billion in total planned investment in Kentucky. This represents a \$23.15 billion before benefits, a 4.7% increase over the previous year.

In May, Moody’s Analytics published a positive economic outlook for Kentucky, noting mass vaccination as the driving force behind the state’s economic recovery. The report also found Kentucky’s manufacturing industry outperformed the nation’s since the national downturn last year.

Fitch Ratings in May improved the state’s financial outlook to stable, reflecting the commonwealth’s solid economic recovery.

In March, Site Selection magazine’s annual Governor’s Cup rankings for 2020 positioned Kentucky atop the South Central region. Site Selection also recently placed Kentucky in a tie for fifth in its 2021 Prosperity Cup rankings, positioning the state among the top 10 in the nation.

Boone County Judge/Executive Gary Moore congratulated Dollar General on locating, creating jobs and opening in the county.

“Seeing Dollar General’s distribution operation rapidly go from concept to functioning facility is a testament to both the company’s leadership and the community’s support. We look forward to a successful relationship ahead.”

Walton Mayor Gabe Brown said he foresees a long, successful future for Dollar General and Walton together.

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“We are very excited to welcome Dollar General to the City of Walton,” Mayor Brown said. “They have a reputation for providing quality, good-paying jobs, satisfied employees and for being great community partners. Dollar General is as American as apple pie. Their continued growth and stability ensure that they will be a part of our community for decades to come. I wish them continued success and look forward to them being a great addition to our wonderful town.”

Lee Crume, president and CEO of Northern Kentucky Tri-ED, welcomed the company.

“Dollar General is an outstanding corporate citizen and we join the City of Walton in celebrating their investment in Northern K

To encourage investment and job growth in the community, the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (KEDFA) program. The performance-based agreement can provide up to \$750,000 in tax incentives based on the company’s investme

- Creation and maintenance of 250 Kentucky-resident, full-time jobs across 10 years; and
- Paying an average hourly wage of \$20 including benefits across those jobs.

By meeting its annual targets over the agreement term, the company can be eligible to keep a portion of the new tax revenue

In addition, the company can receive resources from the Kentucky Skills Network. Through the Kentucky Skills Network, com  
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For more information on Dollar General, visit [DG.com](http://DG.com).

A detailed community profile for Boone County can be viewed [here](#).

Information on Kentucky’s economic development efforts and programs is available at [www.CED.ky.gov](http://www.CED.ky.gov), at [facebook.com/CE](https://facebook.com/CE)



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