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## **BMS LOGISTICS TO BUILD NEW FACILITY IN EASTOWNE BUSINESS PARK**

BMS Logistics will build a new 350,000 square foot contract packaging, warehousing and distribution facility in Eastowne Business Park. The company purchased 21 acres of land from the St. Joseph Business Park Corporation, closing on Oct. 1, 2019. The total investment will be approximately \$14.7 million, with a building cost of \$13 million. This project will utilize local contractors, will create at least two new jobs and meets the criteria for the Enhanced Enterprise Zone program.

“We are pleased that BMS has decided to move forward with the project and build this impressive new facility in St. Joseph, said Patt Lilly, President and CEO of the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Partnership. “We appreciate the confidence the company has shown in its decision to invest in St. Joseph and maintain and create jobs in St. Joseph.”

Dan Bayer, President of BMS Logistics said, “After 30 plus years headquartered in St. Joseph, we are excited to expand our presence and look forward to continued growth with the addition of our new facility. This 350,000 square foot construction provides much needed space for ongoing opportunities in contract packaging and finished goods distribution. We believe St. Joseph is strategically located to support current customers and new opportunities moving forward in the years to come.”

The St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce - Economic Development Partnership was proud to partner with the following organizations on the project:

- City of St. Joseph
- Buchanan County
- State of Missouri – Department of Economic Development
- Kansas City Power & Light

### **About BMS Logistics:**

BMS Logistics is a value-added logistics and warehousing company that specializes in product displays, contract packaging, warehousing, order fulfillment and e-commerce. With this addition, BMS Logistics and its partner company, RitePack, Inc., will operate in over 3 million square feet. This includes food grade warehousing and climate-controlled storage at multiple locations in St. Joseph, as well as locations in Kansas City, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania.

### **About the St. Joseph Business Park Corporation:**

The St. Joseph Business Park Corporation serves as a public/private partnership that was established in the early 1990s to develop business parks in the community. Because of St. Joseph’s size, there is too much risk to attract private, profit-oriented, developers to invest. As a result, this solution provides shovel-ready land for the expansion of local businesses and the attraction of new companies to the community. The corporation has a board consisting of City and County representatives, together with Chamber and business representatives.

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