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State government and city of Salem welcome FedEx Ground
Mayor Janet Taylor and state officials hail first new industrial development in
Mill Creek area

Salem, Oregon—The state of Oregon and Salem Mayor Janet Taylor welcomed FedEx Ground to the Mill Creek Corporate Center Tuesday with a ceremony at the company's brand-new distribution facility.

“FedEx Ground’s new facility is great news for all of us,” the Mayor said. “FedEx Ground is a winner with its increased capacity to serve Oregon and the Northwest. Salem and Oregon win with new jobs in the Salem area and with the addition of this significant milestone in the development of the Mill Creek Corporate Center. Great projects like this state of the art facility will also help us attract additional local, regional and international business to Salem.”

Tom Campbell, managing director of the Northwest Region for FedEx Ground, said his company has committed to the “highest level of customer service” in shipping small packages throughout the region. “The opening of the Salem facility is part of our ongoing efforts to enhance service and meet customer demand by increasing the size, speed and reliability of our network,” Campbell said.

Following the welcome ceremony, the Salem manager of FedEx Ground, Joe Lopez, conducted a tour of the 50,000-square-foot facility for visitors and reporters. The facility boasts a work force of 90 employees and independent contractors.

The state Department of Administrative Services (DAS) has collaborated with the city of Salem in preparing the Mill Creek Corporate Center for development, and in marketing the lots for sale. The Oregon Cultural Trust and Oregon Corrections Enterprises will share in the proceeds.

Located on Aumsville Highway just east of Kuebler Boulevard in southeast Salem, the property formerly belonged to the Oregon Department of Corrections. The Oregon Economic and Community Development Department has certified the property as “industrial-ready,” and the city of Salem has designated it an urban renewal district, and has rezoned it as an employment center.

Robin Harpster, administrator of DAS' Facilities Division said that FedEx Ground's presence at Mill Creek is just the beginning. "I think of it as the culmination of years of hard work—planning, negotiating, building a vision," Harpster said. "It's great to have FedEx Ground here in Salem, and even better that they're here in Mill Creek. The vision includes much more—more great companies like FedEx Ground."

Last month, the state concluded an agreement with Capstone Partners LLC of Portland to serve as "master developer" for the initial phase of the Mill Creek Corporate Center. The agreement covers the future development of 180 acres of the property.

The state's goal, Harpster added, is to create jobs and prosperity through "smart growth and a development that all Oregonians can be proud of," while benefiting the state Cultural Trust and Oregon Corrections Enterprises.

Capstone Partners plans to begin building 600,000 square feet of buildings in the summer of 2009 toward creation of a high-quality business park, investing as much as \$50 million. The company will also build \$5 million-worth of new streets and other infrastructure. Capstone expects tenants to begin occupying space in early 2010.

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