



**Great Lakes Cold Storage
To Expand in Solon
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Gorbett Enterprises of Solon Inc., dba Great Lakes Cold Storage, announced today that its expansion planned for the Solon location continues to advance. The company is currently home to 135 employees and has plans to create 68 new full-time positions over the next 4 years. In addition, the company anticipates investing more than \$2.0 million in facility improvements.

“It is an exciting time for our business and I am extremely proud of my management team and all of our employees,” stated Patrick J. Gorbett, Great Lakes Cold Storage President and CEO. “We pride ourselves on providing total customer satisfaction, and our ability to take on this new work load is a direct reflection of our team and the confidence that I place in them and future opportunities in the marketplace.”

Great Lakes Cold Storage has been working on the expansion for several months. Tremendous support has been provided by its local economic development partners including the City of Solon, Cuyahoga County, the Greater Cleveland Partnership, TeamNEO and JobsOhio. First Commonwealth Bank has also been a key component in Great Lakes’ ability to take on such an expansion.

“We are completing the steps necessary to secure the critical financial support that will make this project a reality,” said Gorbett. “Without the support from all our public and private partners - this opportunity would not be possible.”

Added Joe Roman, President and CEO of the Greater Cleveland Partnership, “This project is the perfect example of how our economic development system works for Greater Cleveland businesses. We applaud the company’s confidence in the Greater Cleveland market, and all our partner’s efforts to secure this expansion in Cuyahoga County.”

The company has maintained its headquarters in Solon since 1999 and appreciates its strong relationship with the City, especially Mayor Susan Drucker and Economic Development Manager Peggy Weil Dorfman.

“Great Lakes Cold Storage has been a great corporate citizen and we are thankful that we were able to play a part in the company’s decision to expand in our great city” stated Solon Mayor Susan Drucker. “We look forward to their continued growth and our ongoing partnership.”

In January, the City of Solon approved a six year, job creation tax credit valued at just over \$101,000 as well as a \$15,000 Growth and Revitalization Program grant for the identified expansion. On March 27, 2017 the State of Ohio Tax Credit authority approved a job creation tax credit package for the expansion project. The six-year tax credit, based off new payroll is estimated to generate more than \$115,000 for the project.

“Along with our partners at Team NEO, we welcome Great Lakes Cold Storage’s investment in Solon, where the company will add 68 new jobs,” said JobsOhio Director for Food and Agribusiness Joe Needham. “This commitment will keep the company at the forefront of the rapidly evolving food production system by adjusting to the industry’s consumer preferences and distribution needs.”

Great Lakes Cold Storage is also in conversation with the Cuyahoga County, Department of Economic Development in regards to the project. The company hopes to secure all financial support by mid-2017. The Solon facility improvements are anticipated to be completed by year end 2017.

Patrick J. Gorbett has owned Great Lakes Cold Storage since 1999, serving the entire Midwest region of the United States. Since its founding the company has expanded its footprint significantly and today provides over 8.6 million cubic feet of storage for several of the largest food manufacturers in the country.

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