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FedEx Ground Announces New Location in Hertford

Edenton, NC – FedEx Ground Package System has announced expansion and relocation of their facility in Hertford at the Perquimans County Commerce Centre. The facility will replace a much smaller FedEx Ground operation currently located in the town and will serve Northeast North Carolina from the Outer Banks to Williamston. The projected investment in the new building and equipment is over \$3 million.

The 8.36-acre tract was purchased by Hertford Baseline Development, LLC from the county for the purpose of locating the new business to the site. The construction contract for the proposed 28,000 square foot building was awarded to A.R. Chesson Construction Company, Inc., a local construction contractor. Once the new facility is constructed, there will still be land available at the site for additional future development.

William Ronalter, Manager, Hertford Baseline Development indicated that Perquimans County's land acquisition incentive policy was a key factor in FedEx's decision to relocate within the county. FedEx plans to retain its current employees with a potential for additional jobs in the future. The new center is expected to be operational by July 2009.

"This is a great example of a distribution company and a development company working closely with the county and region to bring economic development and land improvement to the area," said Dave Goss, Economic Development Consultant for Perquimans County. "We first learned of this lead from Ray White, Vice President of Marketing for the Northeast Commission, and we will continue to work collectively to bring jobs and investment to the area."

"North Carolina's Northeast Region is primed for expansion and location of distribution and logistics companies like FedEx Ground," stated Vann Rogerson, president/CEO of North Carolina's Northeast Commission. "Our roadways are finally becoming functional for transporting and distributing goods, and this will enable us to continue to diversify the economy and expand the capacity for new jobs."

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