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Food Service Equipment Distributor to Add 150 Jobs at Fort Wayne Headquarters

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (Feb. 24, 2010) -Kitchen equipment parts distributor, Heritage Food Service Equipment, Inc. announced today it will expand its headquarters and warehouse operations here, creating up to 150 new jobs by 2013.

The wholesale distributor of commercial kitchen equipment parts will invest \$1.5 million to upgrade its 125,000 square-foot facility located at 5130 Executive Boulevard in the state's second largest city.

"Companies can prosper when they have the right business environment and the right workforce -Northeast Indiana has both," said Governor Mitch Daniels.

Established in 1987, Heritage Food Services has grown to employ more than 200 associates in Fort Wayne with additional warehouse locations in Texas, Louisiana, Georgia and Florida. The company will begin hiring warehouse and customer service associates in March as facility upgrades are completed at the site.

"This expansion will be very beneficial to the future of Heritage Food Service," said Dave Gawthrop, vice president. "We believe that Fort Wayne offers us an opportunity to work toward reaching our full potential as a business and we want to take advantage of the benefits of expanding our facility here."

The Fort Wayne-based distribution company provides replacement components and accessories for food service customers including restaurants, cafeterias, hotels, correctional facilities and hospitals.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered Heritage Food Service Equipment, Inc. up to \$1 million in performance-based tax credits and up to \$88,500 in training grants based on the company's job creation plans. The Fort Wayne Common Council has approved additional tax phase-in at the request of the Fort Wayne-Allen County Economic Development Alliance.

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