

## KROGER BRINGING 120 NEW JOBS TO GEORGIA



Georgia Governor Nathan Deal announced this week that Kroger will move to a new distribution center in Forest Park. The move will create 120 new jobs while the company invests \$175 million over five years, according to AccessNorthGa.com.

“Georgia is the ideal location for Kroger to establish its newest distribution facility,” said Deal. “Our interconnected highway and railway system, low cost of doing business and highly skilled workforce create a solid foundation to better serve Kroger’s markets in the Southeast.”

The distribution center will open on the former U.S. Army base Fort Gillem. The new jobs will come in transportation management, security, warehouse and other maintenance jobs.

“Kroger is excited to close on 253 acres of property to build a new state of the art distribution center,” said Glynn Jenkins. Jenkins is the director of communications and public relations for Kroger’s Atlanta Division. “The one-million-square-foot facility will improve efficiencies, help the economy in the communities we serve and deliver products to our stores much more quickly. We thank Governor Deal, the Georgia Department of Economic Development, Forest Park Mayor [David] Lockhart and the city of Forest Park for supporting Kroger with this project.”

Fort Gillem was transferred from the Department of Defense to the city of Forest Park for the project.

The mayor of Forest Park, David Lockhart, said, “The city of Forest Park will see 1,500 new jobs over the next two years plus new revenue to support critical services for our residents. Gillem Logistics Center will be the region’s premier, world-class, institution grade, and regional and e-commerce distribution park.”

There are some 24,000 Georgians employed by Kroger throughout the state. Georgia Department of Economic Development Commissioner Chris Carr said, “Leading companies such as Kroger are finding Georgia to be the best place for their distribution operations,” said GDEcD Commissioner Chris Carr. “We are fostering growth in this area and are seeing companies in this industry thrive, thanks to our pro-business resources and competitive business climate.”

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