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Amazon Making Plans to Open Two New Jersey Facilities, Expected to Create Thousands of Jobs, Including 1,500 Permanent Jobs

Trenton, NJ – Joined by company representatives, Governor Chris Christie announced today the beginning of a long-term partnership with global e-commerce leader Amazon.com starting with the company's plans to begin construction on two state-of-the-art fulfillment distribution center facilities in the state in 2013. Today's announcement establishes a future partnership committed to growing New Jersey's economy and creating quality jobs. These distribution facilities are expected to result in at least \$130 million in capital investment, along with the expected creation of several thousand quality jobs for our families, including plans for over 1,500 full-time jobs, as well as thousands of full-time temporary, seasonal and construction jobs. The investment commitment is contingent on the receipt of economic development incentives that make such investment economically viable for both the State of New Jersey and the company.

"In yet another positive sign in our state's economic and job growth, I'm pleased Amazon is committed to helping New Jersey grow and create quality jobs," said Governor Christie. "After months of hard work and collaboration, Amazon has joined the long list of companies that recognize New Jersey's economic and business climate is improving. We've created an atmosphere of job creation, growth and investment, which is why we have taken another important step toward placing quality, good-paying job opportunities within reach of our families."

Separately, Governor Christie also announced today that, working together, the Administration and Amazon have reached an agreement that provides certainty with regard to Amazon's obligation to collect sales tax on purchases by New Jersey consumers. This agreement culminated after months of hard work and cooperation among Amazon staff, the Governor's Office, the Treasury Department's Division of Taxation, and legislative staff.

According to the agreement between the New Jersey Division of Taxation and Amazon, the company will voluntarily begin to collect and remit New Jersey sales tax by July 1, 2013, or as of the effective date of federal legislation concerning state sales tax collection from out-of-state retailers, whichever is earlier. This means New Jerseyans will no longer have the required responsibility of tracking and reporting use tax owed on their online purchases from Amazon, and the State will receive the sales tax it is due to fund programs and services for its residents.

The Christie Administration continues to take action on an aggressive, pro-growth agenda to prioritize job creation and economic growth for New Jersey families. Governor Christie secured passage of \$2.35 billion in targeted, job-creating business tax cuts beginning in the current budget and has worked to secure New Jersey as the home for business investment and growth from companies of all sizes, including household names like Panasonic, Honeywell, BASF, Church and Dwight, Coca Cola and Bayer.

Since taking office, New Jersey has seen the creation of over 71,000 private sector jobs and experienced the best year of private sector job growth of the last decade in 2011.

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