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## MBM Foodservice Announces Major Expansion in Macon, GA

**Macon, GA (April 4, 2007)** - Brian Wordsworth, Owner, MBM Foodservice, announced today that the Rocky Mount, North Carolina company will expand their distribution center in Macon, Georgia. Wordsworth will be joined by state officials, local elected and economic development officials Friday, April 6, 2007 at 11am to announce the construction of a new \$8 million, 91,000 sq. ft. refrigerated and dry distribution center to serve the company's customers in the southeast. MBM also considered locations in Tennessee for the new facility. The facility will be constructed by Smithson, Inc., Rocky Mount, North Carolina on a 16 acre site in the Ocmulgee East Industrial Park in East Macon. The park is owned by the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority.

"We are excited about opening a flagship distribution center for one of America's premier fast food chains. This is an exciting time for Chik-fil-A as well as MBM Corporation. Congratulations to the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority, the Macon Economic Development Commission and the state of Georgia for helping make this happen," stated Brian Wordsworth.

Bibb County Chairman, Charles Bishop, stated that "MBM's decision to expand the Macon facility instead of relocating is a tribute to the pro business attitude in Bibb County." Bishop continued, "The Macon Economic Development Commission has worked with MBM over the years to make certain this expansion happened in Bibb County."

Macon Mayor C. Jack Ellis also praised the efforts of the Macon Economic Development Commission and the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority in convincing MBM to expand their Macon facility. "The Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority developed the Ocmulgee East Industrial Park just for this day. MBM will help fill a void left when Brown and Williamson vacated the park in 2006," stated Ellis.

Frank Amerson, Chairman of the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority, stated that "the Authority encourages and supports the expansion of our existing businesses with as much enthusiasm as we do recruiting new companies. Our existing businesses are the biggest source of new jobs and are appreciated for the jobs they provide and the investment they have made and continue to make in this community."

Billy Pitts, Incoming Chair of the Macon Economic Development Commission, commented that "MBM's decision to expand their distribution facility in Macon-Bibb County is another testament to our location as ideal for Warehouse and Distribution. Since we began targeting Warehouse Distribution facilities in 2001, we have seen some great companies choose Macon-Bibb, and MBM is the latest."

The new facility will be completed in late 2007 and will serve the company's major customer, Chik fil A, in the southeast. The expansion will result in an additional 100 jobs at the facility. As a result of this expansion, MBM will retain 90 existing jobs at their Guy Paine Road. Facility and add 100 new jobs to the company's local payroll.

The Macon Economic Development Commission is the private/public partnership responsible for recruiting new business and industry to Macon and Bibb County in Georgia and for the retention of established companies. If you would like more information on economic development in Macon, please contact Pat Topping, CECD, Senior Vice President at 478-621-2030 or visit [www.maconworks.com](http://www.maconworks.com).

