## Southern Wholesale Glass to Expand Facility, Create 60 Additional Jobs With Multi-Million Dollar Investment Groundbreaking Ceremony Set for February 20



AMERICUS, February 4, 2020 --- Southern Wholesale Glass, in conjunction with the Sumter County Development Authority, Citizens Bank, Pickle Construction, the Baldwin Agency, South Georgia Technical College, and Georgia Southwestern State University, has announced plans to expand their current facilities by 20,000 square feet along with a truck and parts shop. Following its ground-breaking ceremony, February 20, 2020, the expansion will begin to create up to 60 new jobs within a multi-million dollar investment. The new jobs will range from high-tech to maintenance.

"On behalf of our citizens, I want to thank Southern Wholesale Glass for their continued dedication and significant investment in our community. Many months of planning were put into this project, and we were happy to offer our services and support," said Economic Development Director Rusty Warner. "Southern Wholesale Glass has been an excellent employer in Sumter County. This expansion will further grow our economy, support our community, and will continue to attract future investment."

## **About Southern Wholesale Glass**

Southern Wholesale Glass is a made-to-order glass-maker specializing in residential and commercial insulated, energy-efficient, tempered, blast-resistant and safety glass. Products include aluminum extrusions, shower doors, tabletops, beveled mirrors and glass, and interior glass offices. Southern Wholesale Glass also offers its ability to make onsite job deliveries through its full fleet of trucks, within a 300-mile radius.



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## Press Release: Southern Wholesale Glass Expansion

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Southern Wholesale Glass is pleased to announce the expansion of our facilities to support the growing demand of our products and services throughout the southeastern United States. We will have a groundbreaking ceremony on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. The multi-million-dollar expansion project will include the addition of 20,000 square feet of manufacturing space along with a truck and parts shop. This new space will be equipped with a second tempering line that features a state-of-the-art tempering oven. The fabrication department will grow by adding a third CNC machine and a 14-spindle glass polishing and mitering edger. We will be adding an automated insulating glass sealer and automated cutting line. The current office will be completely renovated, and the space will increase by 1600 square feet. Our fleet of delivery trucks has steadily grown, and we have recently added a 60,000 GVW boom truck to deliver full crates to our customers' shops and commercial jobsites.

As a result of this expansion project, we will be adding jobs to our current valued team. Some of the positions we will be adding include CNC operators, maintenance positions, draftsmen, production team members, drivers, and additional sales associates. We project 20-40 new additions in the first year and approximately 60 over the course of this expansion process.

Americus will remain the main manufacturing facility that will source our existing and future customers. We look forward to expanding in other cities in the southeastern region, which will bring even more jobs and opportunities for current and future employees.

All of this is a result of the strong growth in our economy, the efforts and work of our great employees, the support and continued trust of our loyal customers, and the backing of our Americus community. South Georgia Technical College and Georgia Southwestern State University are both great learning centers that will help to provide the employees we will need to continue our growth. We would like to thank Citizens Bank for their service and support to our community, Pickle Construction, The Baldwin Agency, and the Sumter County Payroll Development Authority for their help on the project.

Looking forward to a great future! Kindest regards, Mark Michael

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