

Guardian Building Products to Open New Distribution Center in Nash County

The Carolinas Gateway Partnership announced that Guardian Building Products Distribution, Inc. will open a new distribution center on March 1st on Stanley Park Drive in Rocky Mount. The center will distribute fiberglass insulation, roofing and accessories, ventilation products, and other building supplies to customers in southeast Virginia and Eastern North Carolina to the Outer Banks area. When fully operational, the distribution center will employ 8-10 people. Jeff Mathis, who manages Guardian's Charlotte, NC distribution center, has been named Branch Manager of this new facility.

Carolinas Gateway Partnership President, John Gessaman, said that "The company conducted an areawide search, including properties in both counties (Nash and Edgecombe). We are very excited that they chose to locate in our region. We want to thank the developer of the property they will be occupying for his efforts to make the company an economic package to attract them to the area."

"Guardian Building Products Distribution, based in Greenville, SC, serves customers in the Rocky Mount area out of its distribution center in Charlotte. The 25,000 square foot facility will allow Guardian to increase its efficiencies in serving customers in the area" said Wayne Scott, Vice President of Operations for Guardian Building Products Distribution. "We see this area as a growth market, and the location of the facility allows us the opportunity to further grow our business in this area."

Guardian Building Products is one of the largest national building products distribution networks in North America, and is a subsidiary of Guardian Industries Corporation, based in Auburn Hills, Michigan. Guardian Industries Corp. is a leading manufacturer of float glass and fabricated glass products for the commercial and residential construction industries. The subsidiary companies, Guardian Building Products Distribution, Guardian Fiberglass, Inc. and Guardian Direct serve the residential and light commercial construction industry supply chains. The group of companies sells more than \$2.5 billion in assorted products annually and employees more than 2,200 workers.

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