

## **Lowe's bulk distribution Center, 150 new jobs coming to Bessemer**

Lowe's Companies Inc. recently confirmed plans to build a new bulk distribution center in Bessemer which will bring approximately 150 or more new jobs to The Marvel City when it opens in the fourth quarter of 2021.

The company confirmed its plans through an article in *The Birmingham Business Journal* on Wednesday, November 4. The new facility will be constructed off Morgan Road in Bessemer, near the site of the future Carvana Distribution Center. This is the company's second major investment in the city. Lowe's currently operates a store on 19<sup>th</sup> Street in Bessemer.

"We are extremely excited that Lowe's Companies, Inc. has decided to increase its footprint in the Southeastern United States by locating this facility here in Bessemer. This is the latest in our efforts to position Bessemer as an economic powerhouse for manufacturing and industrial development in this county, state and region," said Mayor Kenneth Gulley.

"I want to extend a special thanks to the Bessemer City Council, the Birmingham Business Alliance, U.S. Steel, Jefferson County, the State of Alabama and all of our partners who played a part in making this project a reality.

"I particularly want to thank the Lowe's Companies, Inc. for recognizing the value of investing in Bessemer. This new development – a 1.2 million-square-foot facility – will greatly enhance the city of Bessemer and create approximately 150 well-paying positions.

"My objective remains the same as Mayor: my desire is to create a working climate in the city of Bessemer where everyone who wants a job can find meaningful employment and provide for themselves and their families.

"It is my pleasure to welcome this new Lowe's facility to the city of Bessemer and we look forward to working with Lowe's for many years in the future."

Lowe's officials said the following:

"Lowe's is building a network of bulk distribution centers and cross-dock facilities to coordinate deliveries at a market level and allow regional distribution centers and stores to operate more efficiently. This facility will serve as a bulk distribution center that will provide daily shipments of appliances and other bulky items such as riding mowers, grills and patio furniture to Lowe's cross-dock facilities for last-mile delivery to customers. The Bessemer distribution center also will replenish inventory at more than 112 stores, serving locations in Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee.

"This location will be run by a third party, and we plan to begin shipping appliances and other highly deliverable items out of the Bessemer bulk distribution center by fall 2021. The 1.2 million square-foot facility will enable Lowe's to provide faster and more predictable deliveries to customers in Alabama and surrounding states as we continue to grow our distribution network.

These new facilities will enable next-day deliveries for a broader range of products and give customers a more consistent experience.

“As we [shared in August](#), Lowe’s distribution network expansion is part of a \$1.7 billion investment in transforming our supply chain through 2023. Lowe’s and our third-party partners will create nearly 5,000 jobs to support this larger distribution network expansion.

We are excited to expand our footprint in the Bessemer community. Our store on 19<sup>th</sup> Street North opened in 2002.”