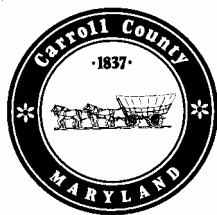


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Hampstead Based Clothier Opens Second Distribution Center

Hampstead, MD - Jos. A. Bank Clothiers, Inc. hosted the grand opening of their second Carroll County distribution center and celebrated their one hundredth year of business. State, county and municipal officials gathered with company leaders and employees to celebrate the company's successful growth and expansion at the new distribution center in Hampstead, MD.

As a leading manufacturer and retailer of men's tailored and casual clothing, Jos. A. Bank has leased an additional 289,000 square feet in the Hampstead Industrial Park near their current 209,000 square foot world headquarters and distribution center. Over the expansion process, the company is expected to add over 100 new jobs to its local workforce of 350.

"Because of the support of the State and Carroll County officials and the great people of Maryland, our company will continue to grow nationally and internationally. We are very proud to be headquartered in Hampstead, Maryland" said Robert N. Wildrick, Chief Executive Officer of Jos. A. Bank.

The expansion project was prompted by the company's aggressive growth as it expands its retail locations to 500 over the next several years, by a new e-commerce partnership with QVC and growth within their own catalog and e-commerce business. Jos. A. Bank has been recognized by Business Week as one of the 100 fastest-growing companies for the second year in a row.

Commissioner Julia W. Gouge thanked company officials for their commitment and growth in Carroll County. "We are proud to have a company the caliber of Jos. A. Bank as a corporate partner that provides valuable jobs and invests in Carroll County."

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