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## **QuikTrip Expands to Midlothian**

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QuikTrip has now sealed the deal to open a distribution center in RailPort, Midlothian. This investment with Midlothian is a promising sign of an economic upturn that is beginning to make its way around the city.

QuikTrip is investing in excess of \$25 million into the community of Midlothian, along with more than 40 new jobs.

Headquartered in Oklahoma, QuikTrip is making an increasingly large impact on Texas. QuikTrip's sharp, clean image with a good selection of brands and low gas and convenience store prices are what have given this chain their fast-paced growth.

Occupying the 316,000 SF Kehe Foods building, the new distribution center is centrally located to the DFW Metroplex. The immediate connection to U.S. Hwy 67 and U.S. Hwy 287 allows easy access to Dallas, Fort Worth and the rest of Texas.

Midlothian is excited to have such a business join the city's expanding economic base. The Corporation for the Economic Development of Midlothian (CEDM) underwent four months of negotiation to reach out and secure this company. "We believe QuikTrip will be an asset to Midlothian just as Midlothian will provide them with the location and market to reach North Texas," says Frank Viso, Executive Director of CEDM.

QuikTrip's current distribution centers are located in Missouri, Georgia and Arizona, employing over 400 people, working with a

current fleet of 56 tractors and 90 trailers which travel around 3.3 million miles annually.

"The opportunity for us to have tremendous growth (in North Texas) in terms of store count and additional employees is phenomenal," said QuikTrip spokesman Mike Thornbrugh. "When you reach that critical mass, where people know who you are, you become a destination for those who are out of gas, those who are thirsty and those who are hungry."

As QuikTrip ships over seventy percent of their products through their own warehouses, Midlothian will become a new base of support for this fast growing convenience store chain.

QuikTrip owns and operates 76 stores in Dallas-Fort Worth. They plan to open eight to ten stores a year for the next ten years in North Texas.

QuikTrip has a total of 552 stores in nine states including Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Arizona and Georgia, with an average of 15 employees per store.

With a commitment to quality, the convenience store is open 24-hours a day and 365 days a year. They do not own any franchised stores which allows them to make sure each store is held to equally high standards.

Midlothian is glad to have QuikTrip join the community and knows this will be a mutually positive impact for both QuikTrip and Midlothian.

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