

## **American Tire Distributors Expands its Facilities in Casper**

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American Tire Distributors (ATD) announced an expansion in Natrona County in 2011, resulting in substantially increased capacity for both operations and workforce. Currently, American Tire Distributors operates an approximately 10,000 square foot warehouse and fulfillment center in Casper near the intersection of Wyoming Boulevard and Second Street. American Tire's new facility measures nearly 80,000 square feet and is located in the Salt Creek Heights Business Park. ATD held its Open House on December 15, 2011.

Given the substantial increase in distribution size, American Tire Distributors anticipates adding a number of new positions in the distribution facility. Specifically, this distribution center has been turned over to the lessee and will begin operation this spring with 17 employees.

Dick Bratton, manager of Jona Inc., a real estate branch of Mick McMurry's operations, said that he, McMurry, Jeff Bishop and Richie Bratton own the building. Another facility, owned by the same partners, is being built in Grand Junction, Colo., stated Dick Bratton.

ATD will operate seven delivery trucks that will take tires to customers, as well as conduct operations inside the building. The space in the new building will provide enough inventory space that ATD won't have to contact its larger center in Salt Lake City for shipments to fill customer orders.

American Tire Distributors is one of the nation's largest independent suppliers of tires to the replacement tire market. It operates 94 distribution centers servicing 39 states. American Tire Distributors employs over 2,500 employees nationwide, including 250 in its Charlotte (NC)-area field support center, distribution center and regional hub.

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