

## Amazon locating sixth Memphis-area facility in Horn Lake

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Amazon will soon locate in Horn Lake, Mississippi, the company's sixth distribution facility in the Memphis area, DeSoto County officials confirmed on Tuesday.

The e-commerce giant is leasing 860,000 square feet in the DeSoto 55 Logistics Center in Horn Lake, said Christie Barclay, community resource director for the county.

## Amazon increasing its permanent, Tennessee jobs by 30% in June

The Memphis Business Journal first reported the development.

Barclay said she knew neither the specific purpose of the future Amazon operation in Horn Lake nor the number of people who would be employed there.

Amazon had not responded to questions from The Daily Memphian by mid-afternoon Tuesday.

The Seattle-based company has already established a substantial presence in and around Memphis. The six facilities will total more than 4.1 million square feet.

Amazon is building an 855,000-squarefoot robotics sortation center on the Frayser/Raleigh border in Memphis.



The company already operates a 615,000-square-foot fulfillment center at 3282 E. Holmes Road, a 400,000-square-foot sortation center at 24

DeSoto County officials confirm that Amazon will lease 860,000 square feet at 1615 Commerce Parkway in the DeSoto 55 Logistics Center in Horn Lake. (Tom Bailey/Daily Memphian)

Citation, also in Southeast Memphis, an 858,000-square-foot fulfillment center at Legacy Park in Olive Branch, and a 554,000-square-foot distribution facility at Gateway Global Logistics Center in Marshall County, Mississippi.

Construction crews on Tuesday continued to prepare the 1615 Commerce Parkway building in DeSoto 55 Logistics Center for Amazon.

Atlanta-based Core5 Industrial Partners developed the new, 175-acre industrial park, which is just southwest of the Church Road junction with Interstate 55.

Less than two years since Core5 completed its first two buildings, the industrial park with 2.4 million square feet of space has only 166,000 square feet remaining to lease, said Brad Kornegay, president and chief executive of Colliers International Asset Services. He, Dan Wilkinson and Allen Wilkinson represent Core5's entire development.



Only 166,000 of the 2.4 million square feet of distribution space in the relatively new DeSoto 55 Logistics Center remains available. (Tom Bailey/The Daily Memphian)

"Core5 is now moving on," Kornegay said. "We announced they are starting construction on 450,000 square feet at 8150 Nail Road" in Olive Branch.

The biggest operators in DeSoto 55 Logistics Center will now be Amazon, Toshiba and O'Reilly Auto Parts.

Kornegay credited Core5 for the fast success of DeSoto 55 Logistics Park.

"Core5 builds very high-quality products

and does some extra things others may not do," he said.

The "extras" for the mammoth buildings include clerestory windows, canopies and "some extra things you don't see," Kornegay said.

"But also it has to do with the ownership group itself, and being extremely flexible," he said.