

Amazon to bring 850 jobs to Marshall County

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JACOB STEIMER | MBJ - This Amazon facility on Holmes Road in Memphis, TN is set to employ 600 people.

Amazon announced it will build its first Mississippi fulfillment center in Marshall County, continuing its build-out of its distribution network.

The e-commerce giant announced that it **will bring 850 jobs to the northern Mississippi county**, which is just across the border from Fayette County and close to crucial infrastructure such as I-269 and hubs such as the Norfolk Southern Intermodal rail yard in Rossville and Memphis International Airport.

The Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) said in a news release that Amazon's facility will be located in a 554,000-square-foot, Panattoni Development Co.-owned building at Chickasaw Trails Industrial Park.

MDA spokeswoman Tammy Craft said the company will receive \$6 million in public incentives — a \$2 million grant for building construction and \$4 million for road improvements.

“We are excited to bring our first fulfillment center to Mississippi, **creating 850 full-time jobs with a \$15 minimum hourly wage**,” said [John Felton](#), Amazon’s vice president of Global Customer Fulfillment in a news release. “We appreciate the state and local elected leaders who have supported Amazon’s entrance into Mississippi, and we look forward to providing great job opportunities and an exceptional customer experience.”

Mississippi elected officials and economic development officials touted the move.

“I am proud to welcome Amazon as the newest member of the Mississippi business community. Amazon’s presence demonstrates to industry leaders around the globe that Mississippi has what it takes for companies like Amazon to remain competitive and efficiently reach their consumers from our attractive location in the Southeast U.S.,” Mississippi Gov. [Phil Bryant](#) said in a statement.

MDA executive director [Glenn McCullough](#) Jr. said, "Mississippi’s teamwork at the federal, state, and local levels, Marshall County’s proximity to a distribution hub, and the region’s skilled workforce were instrumental in Amazon’s decision to locate its new fulfillment center in our state."

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