



## Amazon to build facility, hire 500 in Olive Branch

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Amazon will build a fulfillment center in DeSoto County and hire 500 full-time employees at \$15-an-hour starting pay with “comprehensive” benefits, the company announced Monday.

Workers at the Olive Branch facility will pick, pack and ship large customer items, like sports equipment, patio furniture, fishing rods, pet food, kayaks, bicycles and larger household good, at the 1 million-square-foot building, states the release from the Seattle-based e-commerce retailer.

The project is being developed by Hillwood Investment Properties, and will be Amazon’s second fulfillment center in North Mississippi. The release did not describe where in DeSoto County the facility will be.

“Amazon's decision to locate a second fulfillment center in North Mississippi is a tremendous milestone for DeSoto County and our entire state,” Gov. Phil Bryant said in a prepared statement. “This announcement serves as a shining example to industry leaders around the globe that Mississippi plays to win. We offer a supportive business climate and integrated transportation network so companies with shipping needs, such as Amazon, can reach their customers in rapid time and remain a step ahead of their competition.”

Alicia Boler Davis, Amazon’s vice president of global customer fulfillment, said in a release, “Mississippi has proven itself to be a great place for Amazon to do business and gives us the opportunity to better serve our customers in the region.

“We are excited about our growth and remain committed to creating a positive economic impact in the region with job opportunities that have great pay and

benefits.”

Amazon now has announced in the past 10 months two new North Mississippi locations totaling 1,300 jobs, Mississippi Development Authority executive director Glenn McCullough Jr. said in a release.

Amazon earlier this year announced plans to use 554,000 square feet in an existing building in Marshall County's Chickasaw Trails Industrial Park for a consumer goods fulfillment center. That facility is to employ 850 people.



**Bria Berkeley laughs at a coworker's joke while scanning incoming deliveries at Amazon's 3347 Pearson Road delivery station Sept. 19, 2019. Amazon announced Monday that it will build a fulfillment center in DeSoto County and hire 500 full-time employees at \$15-an-hour starting pay with “comprehensive” benefits. (Patrick Lantrip/Daily Memphian)**

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