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UPS Supply Chain Solutions wraps up \$79M project



A UPS logo is pictured below the nose of a new Boeing 747-8F at UPS Worldport.

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Officials at UPS Supply Chain Solutions, as well as Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear, cut the ribbon Wednesday on the company's new \$79 million Velocity facility in Shepherdsville, Kentucky, a project that is creating 500 new distribution and logistics jobs.

The Velocity facility is a warehousing and distribution center using intelligent automation, machine learning and artificial intelligence to streamline fulfillment operations, according to a news release.

“The Velocity facility is a modernized warehouse with a digital ecosystem that optimizes and orchestrates everything from order flow to labor management,” said Kate Gutmann, UPS president of International, Healthcare and Supply Chain Solutions, in the release. “With the help of our skilled and diverse team members, the facility can process over 350,000 units per day.”

That capacity makes it one of the most efficient package sorting facilities in the world, the release said. Velocity has staffed the facility with the help of UPS’s Languages Across Logistics (LAL) program, which supports the recruiting, hiring, training, coaching, development, promotion and retention of refugees and immigrants for the UPS Supply Chain Solutions workforce.

“It takes serious trust and a belief in Kentucky’s resources and opportunities for a company to commit to locate here,” Beshear said in the release. “UPS is a prime example of one of the largest companies in the world doing just that, trusting in the commonwealth. UPS has a long history in the state, and I am excited to see them continue to grow and thrive here. I want to thank company leaders for their continued investment in Kentucky and the Bullitt County community and congratulate them on this major milestone.”

The release said today’s event builds on several announcements from UPS over the years, [including an over \\$330 million investment announced in October 2022](#) that, across two new-location projects in Jefferson and Bullitt counties, is creating 435 high-wage jobs.

United Parcel Service Inc. (NYSE: UPS) is one of the world’s largest companies, with a 2022 revenue of \$100.3 billion.

It's also Louisville's largest employer by a wide margin, with about 26,000 full-time equivalent workers. It bases its UPS Airlines division in Louisville and operates the massive Worldport shipping hub here.



Louisville's Largest Employers

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Rank	Prior Rank	Name / Prior rank
1	1	United Parcel Service Inc.
2	2	Norton Healthcare Inc.
3	3	Jefferson County Public Schools
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