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ESD ANNOUNCES C&S WHOLESALE GROCERS TO EXPAND IN NEW YORK

C & S will generate 445 new jobs and retain 285 jobs in the Mid-Hudson Region

Empire State Development (ESD) announced today that C&S Wholesale Grocers is expanding its presence in New York State. The grocery distributor will retain 285 jobs and create 445 new jobs at the Mid-Hudson location.

ESD provided a \$1,353,000 grant to be used for reimbursement of a portion of real estate improvements, and machinery and equipment expenditures. The Chester facility is C&S's seventh in the state, and the company currently employs more than 1,200 New Yorkers.

“By ensuring that companies like C&S continue to invest in New York, we will encourage the growth of grocery stores while increasing the number of food markets in underserved communities across the state,” said Empire State Development Chairman & CEO designate Dennis M. Mullen. “C&S is a major employer in New York State that manages to remain focused on its neighbors. It recognizes that access to nutritious, affordable foods is critical to our overall well-being and works to promote better health and stop hunger. The company also uses environmentally responsible practices in its operations in an effort to reduce its carbon footprint. We wish C&S continued success and expansion as they help build a greener, more prosperous New York State.”

“When a company like C&S reinvests in New York State, it is a reflection of the easy market access and skilled and talented workforce the Mid-Hudson region has to offer,” said Mid-Hudson Regional Director Susan Jaffe. “C&S supports more than twenty-seven New York agribusinesses with their facilities statewide. Our renewed partnership with C&S means we are ensuring the retention and creation of hundreds of jobs for New Yorkers during this challenging economic climate, when many of our residents are forced to look outside of the Mid-Hudson region for employment. I have no doubt that C&S will continue to contribute to the economic strength, health and social well-being of its Orange County community.”

“C&S is proud to expand its facility and workforce in Chester and looks forward to continuing to grow and contribute to the Orange County community,” said Scott Charlton, Executive Vice President of Operations for C&S.

Empire State Development is New York's chief economic development agency, committed to being recognized on a global scale as the economic development engine driving job growth, strategic investment and prosperity in New York State. ESD is intent on paving the way for New York State to become the leader of the innovation economy and one of the most business friendly, productive and competitive economic development climates in the world. ESD also oversees the marketing of "I LOVE NY," the State's iconic tourism brand. For more information, visit www.esd.ny.gov.

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