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Americold Breaks Ground on Next Automated Facility at its Rochelle, IL Campus



The official breaking of the ground. From left-to-right: Jon Scholtes, Field Representative for Congressman Adam Kinzinger; Tom Demmer, Illinois State Representative; Chet Olson, Mayor of Rochelle; Fred Boehler, President & CEO of Americold; Sean McCarthy, Director Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity; Tim Hinkley, Chief Commercial Officer, Americold; Dan Lundquist, General Manager-Rochelle, Americold

ATLANTA, Georgia – (August 30, 2017) – Americold (www.americold.com), the global leader in temperature-controlled warehousing and logistics to the food industry, announced today that it has broken ground for a new facility at its Rochelle, IL campus, adding a 15.5 million cubic foot automated facility to its network and further increasing its global capacity.

Americold's campus in Rochelle, IL is currently home to two conventional warehouse facilities. This addition, being built on Americold-owned land, will bring an additional 57,600 pallet positions and extensive automation capabilities—boosting available capacity for Americold's customers in the Chicago market.

“Working with some of our key partners, we identified the opportunity to update and expand our campus just an hour west of Chicagoland, and to offer both automated and conventional storage and distribution options,” commented Fred Boehler, President & CEO of Americold. “Our customers challenged us for a solution, and I’m proud that today marks the first day of making that solution a reality.”

The additional facility will be a 140-foot-high series of rooms, housing an automated storage and retrieval system attached to a conventional warehouse format for maximum flexibility as customers' needs evolve. The combined campus footprint will amass more than 33.5 million cubic feet and contain more than 115,000 pallet positions—a significant offering for Americold's

Midwest customer base in the geographically advantaged Illinois location.

"Americold's decision to expand in Rochelle is proof again that we are the 'Midwest Hub' for frozen food distribution; we appreciate their continued reinvestment in the City of Rochelle," commented Mayor Chet Olson.

The construction phase of the project has already begun with ground clearing. Once the structure is complete, Americold will hire up to 70 associates in full- and part-time positions to support its customers.

"It is a game changer when a company integrates advanced technology into its operations. Rochelle is proud to be home to another one of Americold's Automatic Storage and Retrieval System Distribution Centers," added Jason Anderson, Economic Development Director for the City of Rochelle, IL.

The facility is expected to open in December 2018.

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About Americold

Americold is the global leader in temperature controlled warehousing and logistics to the food industry, offering the most comprehensive warehousing, transportation and logistics solutions in the world. Based in Atlanta, Georgia, Americold owns and operates over 165 temperature-controlled warehouses, with more than 1 billion cubic feet of storage, in the United States, Australia, New Zealand, China, Argentina and Canada. Americold's facilities are an integral component of the supply chain connecting food producers, processors, distributors, and retailers to consumers. Americold serves more than 2500 customers and employs 11,000 associates worldwide.

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