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Electronics Repair Firm Opens in Clayton Co., Hiring 150 by 2016

Aerotropolis-Area Opportunity Zone Attracting National Attention

ATLANTA (August 19, 2014) – The Clayton County Office of Economic Development & Film announced Tuesday that an electronics repair company headquartered in Florida has chosen the Mountain View Opportunity Zone near Hartsfield-Jackson Airport for its new Georgia operations center. QGistix, an L.P. Hench Company, has leased 32,000 sf in the Southwoods business park off Old Dixie Hwy, bringing with them 13 employees, and hiring as many as 150 within two years.

"The Atlanta area was a natural choice for a company like ours due to its central location within two days' drive of most major population centers and the fact that all of our material arrives and departs by truck," said Mark Sherman, Vice President of Operations for QGistix. "The Mountain View Opportunity Zone was more compelling due to its proximity to a major airport hub and the payroll-based tax credits. Reverse logistics of electronics is a labor-intensive process, so selecting the top-tier Opportunity Zone was a primary driver during our site selection process. We are proud to bring electronics jobs to the area and are quite pleased with the quality of the employees we have recruited so far."

The area in which QGistix has located, known as Mountain View, falls within the *Atlanta Aerotropolis* trade area, and is already home to a number of international logistics and freight firms, customs houses, and airport-related businesses. "This special redevelopment district is one of the most incentivized areas in Georgia," said Grant Wainscott, Clayton County's Director of Economic Development. "Companies that locate or expand in this area are eligible for \$4,000 per job tax credit through the state's Opportunity Zone program, infrastructure assistance through a Tax Allocation District, and special financing credits through programs like New Market Tax Credits and EB-5 Foreign Investment."

QGistix joins a growing number of recent major announcements in Clayton County, including Kroger's new \$175 million distribution center at the former Fort Gillem, Chime Solutions' 1,120 new call center jobs at Southlake Mall, and the US Headquarters for Korean LED firm AVICS. The Mountain View Opportunity Zone has also seen important expansions from national and international companies, including the new US Headquarters location for British company Future Forwarding.

"The whole point of incentives is to drive new jobs and investment to our community," added Clayton County Commission Chairman Jeff Turner. "We are so pleased to see all the hard work paying off, and we couldn't be happier to welcome QGistix to Clayton County."

About QGistix

QGistix provides complete, front-to-back reverse logistics of low voltage electronics. Unlike other high-volume 3PL providers, QGistix is uniquely focused on low-voltage electronics, so they are able to test, repair, refurbish, repackage and warehouse clients' electronics parts in addition to managing all of their warranty returns. They are headquartered in Boynton Beach, Florida.

About the Clayton County Office of Economic Development & Film

The Clayton County Office of Economic Development & Film is responsible for the retention and expansion of existing industries, the recruitment of new jobs and investment, and the global marketing of the world-class assets of Clayton County, Georgia. For more information about the county's economic development efforts, visit their website at www.InvestClayton.com.