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**Flagship Food Group Expands in Albuquerque**  
*\$3 Million Investment Will Create*  
*194 New Manufacturing and Distribution Jobs*

**Albuquerque, NM** – Flagship Food Group announced on Aug. 14 that it will invest nearly \$3 million to expand its manufacturing and distribution facilities in the Albuquerque area, creating 194 new manufacturing and distribution jobs and supporting more than 100 construction jobs.

The global food production company originally expanded to Albuquerque in 2014, when it opened its food manufacturing and distribution operations here. Albuquerque Economic Development, Inc. (AED) was a key player in that project, which was introduced to AED by Keith Meyer and Jim Wible of NAI Maestas & Ward.

Flagship's brands include TJ Farms, Lilly B's, 505 Southwestern, Chris & Pitts, and Su Ming, sold through major retailers such as Whole Foods and Trader Joe's and restaurant chains such as Domino's. The company also serves as a valuable supplier to private-label customers and provides industry services to food companies through its logistics and packaging divisions.

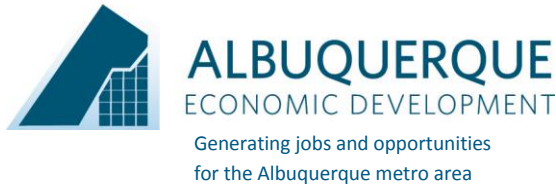
Flagship cited the state's enriched tax environment and improved business friendliness as major factors in its decision to expand again.

"We are grateful for the support and business-friendly environment that New Mexico has given us. Without the help of Governor Susana Martinez and her pro-business

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reforms, this expansion would not be possible," said Rob Holland, CEO of Flagship Food Group. "Our New Mexico-based products have helped us to grow internationally, and we look forward to further developing our partnership with the great state of New Mexico."

Flagship's new state-of-the-art facility totals 74,642 square feet, including 36,580 square feet of freezer space and 22,512 square feet of dry warehouse. The facility will have a cold dock to support its cold chain. New Mexico will provide \$550,000 for the expansion through the state's job creation fund, known as the Local Economic Development Act.

"AED appreciates Flagship Food Group's latest investment in Albuquerque, and we celebrate its continued growth and expansion in the metro area," said Gary Gordon, Chair of the AED Board of Directors. "Flagship's growth is also a positive story for agriculture in New Mexico, and provides to food manufacturers outside of the state a roadmap to investment and local sourcing for a new factory of their own in our state. The company has been an important ambassador for the Land of Enchantment in many ways, including through its adoption of New Mexico True in their branding, promoting the state on millions of jars and packages of products distributed throughout the country."

Flagship's popular 505 Southwestern brand is produced in New Mexico and sold throughout the world. The brand is New Mexico True Certified, a program that brings national attention to the quality, care and craftsmanship behind products that are uniquely New Mexican. The 505 Southwestern brand generates \$70 million in sales, accounting for roughly 30 percent of Flagship's \$240 million total sales. The brand has more than 125,000 points of distribution across the U.S.

Flagship is headquartered in Greenwood Village, Colo., and its more than 500 employees serve the company in its key facilities and offices in or near Albuquerque, Boise, Denver, Indianapolis, Los Angeles and Minneapolis.



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To learn more about Flagship Food Group, visit [www.flagshipfoodgroup.com](http://www.flagshipfoodgroup.com).

### About AED

AED is a private, nonprofit organization whose mission is to recruit business and industry, help local companies grow and generate quality job opportunities throughout the Albuquerque metro area. AED provides confidential assistance to businesses considering the area for expansion and new investment. Since its creation in 1960, AED has recruited more than 235 companies and more than 35,000 jobs to the Albuquerque metro area. AED also provides retention and expansion assistance to hundreds of existing local businesses every year.