



Orgill to build \$68 million northeast distribution center in Griffiss Business and Technology Park – 780,000 s/f

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Rome, NY According to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Orgill, Inc., one of the world's largest independent hardlines distributors, will build its first Northeastern U.S. distribution center in Oneida County. The new, 780,000 s/f facility, to be located at Griffiss Business and Technology Park, will be the company's first in the state and lead to the creation of 225 new jobs in the Mohawk Valley. The company plans to invest \$68 million to construct and equip the facility, which will serve Orgill's customers throughout the Northeast.

"The Mohawk Valley is a prime location for businesses moving products throughout the Northeast, and the Orgill distribution center is a welcome addition to the region," governor Cuomo said. "We proudly invest in companies that invest in New York, and with the hundreds of jobs generated by this new facility there is no doubt it will help bolster the region's economy."

To encourage Orgill's investment in the Mohawk Valley, Empire State Development has offered up to \$3.5 million in performance-based Excelsior Jobs Program tax credits, which are tied directly to the creation of 225 jobs as well as the purchase of equipment and machinery. The \$68 million, 780,000 s/f distribution center will have the potential to expand to 1 million s/f, and will be Orgill's first distribution center in New York state and in the Northeastern U.S.

Orgill serves over 6,000 retail hardware stores, home centers, professional lumber dealers and farm stores throughout the U.S. and Canada, and more than 50 countries around the world. Orgill will begin hiring key personnel in early 2020 and will continue staffing of the facility closer to opening.

"Orgill's distribution center in Rome is a significant investment in the area, creating hundreds of jobs," said lieutenant governor Kathy Hochul. "The construction of this project will create new opportunities and strengthen the economy of the entire Mohawk Valley region."

Empire State Development president, CEO and commissioner Howard Zemsky said, "By choosing to expand in the Mohawk Valley, Orgill will bring more than 200 jobs to the Mohawk Valley, strengthening the local economy and continuing the momentum that's making the region, and all of New York State, a stronger and more attractive place to live and work."

"There were many positive things that led us to select Rome as the home for our newest distribution

center, including the excellent workforce in the area and the assistance and cooperation of local officials,” said Ron Beal, Orgill’s chairman and CEO. “We look forward to being a good corporate citizen of Rome, Oneida County and the State of New York.”

“We are excited to announce this expansion to our distribution network and look forward to the enhanced efficiencies this will create for our customers as we move forward,” said Boyden Moore, Orgill’s president.

“Orgill is a wonderful addition to Griffiss and our region and we are excited that after an exhaustive site search they have selected the skyline site for their northeast distribution center,” said Elis Delia chair of Griffiss Local Development Corp. “Preparing large scale sites for development takes time and foresight and we are grateful to our economic development team who was able to deliver a quality site in the timeframe that was needed for this project to be a success. Orgill’s decision to select Griffiss is another example of the positive developments that are taking place within our region and how Griffiss continues to be a major driver in the region’s economic resurgence.”

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