

**GRAINGER ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR
NEW NORTHEAST DISTRIBUTION CENTER**
Company purchases land to build 1.3 million square-foot facility in New Jersey

CHICAGO, June 13, 2014 – [Grainger](#) (NYSE: GWW), the leading broad line supplier of maintenance, repair and operating (MRO) products serving businesses and institutions, today announced the purchase of 96 acres of land in Bordentown Township, N.J. The company plans to build a 1.3 million square-foot distribution center on this property, which is scheduled to open in 2016.

“Our new distribution center will allow us to get more products next day to our customers in the Northeast, so they have what they need to help keep their operations running and their people safe,” said Paige Robbins, vice president of Americas Supply Chain with Grainger. “Grainger has been in New Jersey since 1933, and we’re looking forward to becoming an active member of the Bordentown Township business community.”

When this new facility is up and running, the company expects to employ more than 400 individuals, primarily in warehouse operations. Grainger anticipates these jobs will be filled by a mix of existing employees and new hires.

“Bordentown Township is excited to welcome Grainger to our community,” said Stephen Benowitz, Mayor of Bordentown Township. “The company has a reputation as a strong employer and good neighbor, and their presence will surely be a boost to our economic development plans. We will continue to work with Grainger as they build and open their facility, and look forward to a long, mutually-beneficial partnership. Working with Grainger, we have shown what a good government partner Bordentown Township - ‘The Crossroads at the Heart of New Jersey’ - can be to business and commercial endeavors.”

Grainger currently operates 11 locations in New Jersey, including 10 branches throughout the state and a distribution center in Robbinsville.

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[IDI Gazeley](#), one of the largest global players in the logistics property sector, will serve as the developer/construction manager, and [Gray Construction](#), a nationally ranked firm with offices and jobsites coast-to-coast, will serve as general contractor on this project. In addition, two New Jersey-based firms are helping to design and develop this distribution center. [KSS Architects](#), an acclaimed architecture, planning and interior design firm, is the project's architect, and [Maser Consulting](#), recognized nationally by ENR as a Top 500 Design Firm, is the project's civil engineer.

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About Grainger

W.W. Grainger, Inc., with 2013 sales of \$9.4 billion, is North America's leading broad line supplier of [maintenance, repair and operating products](#), with operations in Asia, Europe and Latin America.

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