Grocery giant bringing 360K-SF distribution center, 400 jobs to southern Dallas

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Cincinnati-based grocery store chain <u>The Kroger Co.</u> (NYSE: KR) has closed on a 56-acre plot of land in southern Dallas where it intends to build a 360,000-square-foot distribution center and bring 400 jobs, the company confirmed Tuesday.

Kroger closed on the property near the northwest corner of Telephone and Bonnie View Roads, which it bought from a joint venture between Atlanta-based <u>Ridgeline Property Group</u> and Houston-based <u>Archway Properties.</u>

In August, the Dallas City Council approved \$5.7 million in property, business tax abatements and bond funds for the project.



COURTESY OF KROGER AND OCADO The Kroger Co. has closed on a 56-acre plot of land in southern Dallas.

JLL's Terry Darrow, Elizabeth Jones, Forshey Hoobler and Brian Leonard represented Kroger, while CBRE's Nathan Lawrence and Krista Raymond represented the seller.

On the site, Kroger plans to build a 360,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art automated distribution center that will service direct-to-consumer home deliveries. In early 2018, the company launched home deliveries in Dallas-Fort Worth with the help of Instacart.

The new facility will create 400 jobs and groundbreaking on the project is set to begin by early 2020, according to a Kroger representative.

The company did not disclose who the architect or general contractor would be on the project. Once construction begins, Kroger says the new facility will be fully operational in 24 months.

Kroger is planning at least two other similar distribution centers in Georgia and Ohio, both of which cost \$55 million. The supermarket chain operates 98 stores in North Texas and nearly 2,650 more across the country under a variety of banner names.

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