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Gallatin lures wholesale distributor

A small industrial supply company has picked Gallatin for its headquarters and will bring 50 full-time jobs to the area, Summer County officials announced Tuesday.

Alliance Distribution Partners LLC is a wholesale distributor of industrial supplies that serves independent industrial products distributors nationwide.

The company says in a news release that 15 people will be immediately employed, and up to 50 jobs will be added over the next two years.

Alliance Distribution Partners is owned by a group of Middle Tennessee entrepreneurs that considered several locations over a period of months before selecting Gallatin, the release says.

The company is leasing the 26,000-square-foot former **Plastech Engineered Products** facility at 539 North Belvedere Drive. Gallatin-based commercial development firm **Green & Little LP** owns the building.

Renovation has begun on the building, and operations should begin within the next few weeks, says Clay Walker, executive director of the **Gallatin Economic Development Agency**.

Colliers Turley Martin Tucker and **CB Richard Ellis** represented Green & Little and Alliance Distribution Partners in the transaction.

Gallatin, a city of 25,000 about 30 miles north of Nashville, has targeted small- and medium-sized manufacturing companies in recent years.

In 2008, **Shoals Technologies**, a solar panel manufacturer, announced a relocation from Muscle Shoals, Ala. The move is expected to bring 300 jobs in the next two years.

Samick Music Corp. moved its corporate headquarters from Korea to Gallatin in late 2007. The \$7 million Samick campus has a 200,000-square-foot distribution and manufacturing center and a 14,000-square-foot headquarters.

“We are always encouraged when a company chooses to invest in our community,” Gallatin Mayor JoAnn Graves says in a release. “While Alliance was almost certain to begin its operations somewhere in the region, the company had many communities from which to choose from.”