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Charlotte, N.C.-based SunCap Property Group is developing this nearly 59-acre site off Falling Creek Road in Spartanburg County that will house a 254,000-square-foot distribution center for FedEx Ground Package System Inc. The fully automated center is expected to cost at least \$20 million and create 22 new full-time and 219 part-time jobs.

FedEx building in Spartanburg County, planning to hire more than 200

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A global packaging company is ready to deliver job growth for Spartanburg County.

FedEx Ground Package System Inc. is building a new 254,000-square-foot distribution center on a nearly 59-acre plot off Falling Creek Road.

The facility, which is under construction near Adidas Group's distribution center off Interstate 85, represents up to a \$40 million investment and is expected to create at least 22 full-time and 219 part-time jobs.

"Any time we make an announcement like this it's fantastic for Spartanburg County and South Carolina," said David Britt, county councilman and chairman of the county's economic development committee.

"But when you look at the location and the name of the company — FedEx — it means so much more. ... I'm very proud that FedEx is calling Spartanburg home because I love the company and so does America."

Charlotte, N.C.-based SunCap Property Group is developing the site for FedEx. A spokesman for SunCap could not be reached on Wednesday.

Site plans filed with the county showed the facility will be approximately 254,353 square feet. The building will be 40 feet high and will include a parking lot with 350

FedEx facility

FedEx Ground Package System Inc. is building a 254,000-square-foot distribution center on a nearly 59-acre plot off Falling Creek Road in Spartanburg County next to the Adidas Group's distribution center. The facility is anticipated to create at least 22 new full-time and 219 part-time jobs. At minimum, FedEx is expected to invest \$20 million in the fully-automated center, but there is potential the company could nearly double that investment.



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spaces.

Sources familiar with the project said it will be one of the company's fully-automated small package distribution centers. FedEx vehicles will be able to drive right into the building to be loaded. The vehicles will have easy access to I-85 via Fort Prince Boulevard at Exit 68.

The heart of the facility's operations will be its state-of-the-art sorting and shipping equipment.

The center is expected to begin operations in 2015.

FedEx spokesman Jesse Bull said he could not comment on Wednesday because the company is in its quiet period before it releases its second quarter earnings on Dec. 18.

In September, County Council approved a tax break that will allow FedEx to have a 6 percent rate instead of 10 percent.

Britt said the company's initial investment of \$20 million will provide for the facility to be built. He expects that investment to double with the installation of the equipment.

County property records showed SunCap purchased the property for the facility in October as part of a more than \$3 million multitract deal with real estate holding companies Exit 68 LLC and Fort Prince Investments.

Chicago-based Meridian Design Build is the general contractor on the project and Blackwood Associates Inc. of Spartanburg is serving as the civil engineering firm. Spartanburg-based McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture is also on the design team and Clary Hood Inc. is a contractor.

"With BMW, Adidas, Amazon and now FedEx here (in the county), the sky is the limit," Britt said. "We've got some exciting things happening now and some really exciting things in the future. This is the icing on the cake."

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