



## RickenbackerInlandPort.com Provides Logistics Professionals Easy Access to Information

[RickenbackerInlandPort.com](http://RickenbackerInlandPort.com) is the one-stop website to learn about *the* global logistics solution for North America.

"Our goal with this new site is to provide the kind of targeted, detailed information that decision-makers in the logistics industry need to make informed decisions for their businesses and clients," explained David Whitaker, Vice President of Business Development for the Columbus Regional Airport Authority, which operates cargo-dedicated Rickenbacker International Airport (LCK).

### The new site includes the following sections:

- Rickenbacker International Airport
- Trucking
- Rail
- Rickenbacker Global Logistics Park
- Logistics Providers
- Foreign-Trade Zone #138
- Partners
- News & Publications



"This exciting new website is designed for companies interested in learning more about the benefits of the proven logistics services and opportunities in the Rickenbacker area," said Whitaker. "Notable features such as an interactive airport facilities map, route maps for air cargo and rail service, RSS feeds and more have been incorporated to showcase the benefits of conducting business in the Rickenbacker area."

In addition to being available in English, the Rickenbacker website is also available in Mandarin, Japanese, Korean, Spanish and Arabic.

"As a global logistics solution, it's critical that our valuable business partners and stakeholders in Asia and throughout the world be able to immediately access information about Rickenbacker," explained Whitaker.

## Specialized Returns to Groveport



Eleven years ago, [Specialized Bicycle Components](#) established an Eastern distribution center in Groveport. Soon, the facility was relocated to Grove City where the distribution center operated for nine years. Continued growth has led Specialized back to Groveport in a new, high-tech, 225,000-square-foot facility.

"With a pending expiry of the lease on our Grove City location, Specialized conducted a detailed location study in 2010 to establish what location would best serve our expanding East Coast dealer base," explained Jesse Rogers, Distribution Manager for Specialized. "The Columbus area was reaffirmed to be the ideal locale, thanks to its well-established carrier support infrastructure and resulting transit times. Further, Groveport provides favorable property values and an excellent work force."

The new facility allows Specialized to best serve its dealer base now and well into the future and is engineered to increase the efficiency of order fulfillment operations.

"With so many businesses struggling in today's economic climate, Specialized decided to invest in the new location's reconfigured layout and state-of-the-art pick, pack and ship system because now, more than ever, it is crucial that orders go out precisely and in record time," said Rogers.

As Specialized has always operated with an eye for the environment, this ethic was incorporated into the Groveport facility through energy-efficient air flow and lighting management systems, water-conserving restrooms and recycled office furnishings.

Headquartered in California, Specialized was founded in 1974 and is now the global leader in the design and manufacture of high-performing, technologically-advanced bicycles, components and cycling apparel for world champion riders and cycling enthusiasts.

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## Logistics Companies Invited to Take Part in March Job Fair

Is your business interested in expanding or hiring soon? Take part in the Columbus Region Logistics Council's job fair on March 22 at Columbus State Community College.

This spring job fair opportunity is free to companies wishing to take part. The event will be held in the Center for Workforce Development at Columbus State, which has generously donated the space and tables for this event free of charge. Free coffee will be provided thanks to sponsorship by the Columbus Chamber.

Set up begins at 8 a.m. with attendees on hand from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There will also be a separate room for people to familiarize themselves with [www.OhioMeansJobs.com](http://www.OhioMeansJobs.com).

The following companies have already committed to taking part in the job fair:

- Acloché HR
- Bare Escentuals
- Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation

- Columbus State Community College
- Crane Worldwide
- CSCMP
- Dawson
- DEX Ohio
- Dublin Aim Recruiter
- Limited Brands
- Manpower
- McGraw-Hill
- Network Global Logistics
- ODW Logistics
- FedEx Ground and FedEx Home Delivery
- Ohio Means Jobs
- RVCii Logistics
- Staffing Leadership Group
- Total Quality Logistics
- UPS

To learn more about the job fair or register your company's participation, contact [Jeff Brashares](#) or [Dan Ricciardi](#).

## March Marks Third Year of Operations for Norfolk Southern Rickenbacker Intermodal Terminal



This spring marks the third year of operations at the Norfolk Southern Rickenbacker Intermodal Terminal, which occupies approximately 175 acres and can handle more than 250,000 containers and trailers annually. The terminal was designed with significant expansion capability with another 125 acres available and the means of handling 400,000 containers annually as traffic volumes grow.

"Containers moving through the Rickenbacker Intermodal Terminal handle an impressive array of cargo ranging from retail goods such as clothing, furniture and toys to raw materials such as bulk agricultural products," explained Chris Luebbers, Group Manager of International Marketing for [Norfolk Southern Corp.](#)

About 85 percent of the container traffic moving through the intermodal terminal is international. An estimated 23 percent of those international containers originated or terminated their journey on the East Coast.

"The \$65 million Rickenbacker Intermodal Terminal demonstrates Norfolk Southern's commitment to servicing the growing international demands of shippers," said Luebbers. "With its strategic location in the Rickenbacker Inland Port, the new intermodal terminal allows us to service customers with

increased capacity and efficiency."

Contact Luebbers at 757-823-5279 to learn how the Norfolk Southern Rickenbacker Intermodal Terminal can meet your company's logistics needs.

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## 9th Annual Groveport Wellness Fair

The 9th annual Groveport Wellness Fair will be held on Saturday, April 9 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Groveport Town Hall, 648 Main Street. The event is free and open to the public. The Wellness Fair offers visitors the opportunity to sample traditional and alternative practices at more than 30 booths, experience free demonstrations and receive educational materials. For a listing of exhibitors, please call Town Hall at 614-836-3333 or go to the Community Affairs section of [www.groveport.org](http://www.groveport.org).



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## First Friday "Spirit Nights" at Waffle House to Benefit Center for Groveport Madison Human Needs

Now eating waffles for dinner can do more than satisfy your hunger, it can help a neighbor in need.

The [Center for Groveport Madison Human Needs](http://www.groveportmadison.org) has partnered with the Groveport Waffle House for "Spirit Night" the first Friday of every month. Diners who eat at Waffle House between 2 p.m. and 9 p.m. on these evenings will automatically have 25 percent of their bill donated to the Center for Groveport Madison Human Needs.

The mission of the Center for Groveport Madison Human Needs is to connect people in crisis with resources and to promote cohesive households through community partnerships. Services include emergency financial assistance (rent, utilities, medical expenses or auto repairs) and connection to additional resources such as the Benefit Bank and Impact Community Action. Call 614-586-4017 to learn more about this worthy organization or request assistance.

The *Rickenbacker Area Report* is a newsletter written and distributed by the Columbus Regional Airport Authority to serve as a communication tool for businesses and military surrounding Rickenbacker International Airport, Canal Winchester, Groveport, Lockbourne, Obetz and northern Pickaway County. Submit your article ideas by contacting Amy Hite, editor of *Rickenbacker Area Report*, at [ahite@ColumbusAirports.com](mailto:ahite@ColumbusAirports.com) or 614-238-7807.