



ExpressPoint Adding New Facility in Grove City

A Minneapolis-based technology repair and distribution company is joining the ranks of industry leaders in the Rickenbacker area. In early 2012, [ExpressPoint](#) is set to open a new facility in Grove City that will employ 30 people.



Through facilities in Minnesota, Texas and Mexico, ExpressPoint serves third-party logistics providers, original equipment manufacturers and field service providers that support IT and data center customers. The 25-year-old company – which delivers 1.6 million global shipments annually – cites the region's logistics infrastructure and warm welcome by [Columbus2020!](#) as factors in the site selection.

"Our experience in the Columbus Region and with the Columbus2020! team was definitely a driving factor in selecting a location in this region over another community," said Sandy Bell, ExpressPoint Chief Financial Officer and Chief Information Officer.

"Logistics is extremely important to our company," said Kelly Dudeck, ExpressPoint Senior Vice President of Operations. "We are impressed by the plans to make the Columbus Region a logistics hub, as well as their understanding of and ability to meet company needs." The facility will be located approximately 10 miles from Rickenbacker International Airport.

"We are pleased we could meet the needs of ExpressPoint, and extend a warm welcome to Grove City and the Columbus Region," said Charles Boso Jr., Director of Development for Grove City.

ExpressPoint currently employs 375 people between three existing facilities. The company plans to be fully operational in Grove City by the end of February 2012.

Ship Piece-level to Cut Costs, Save Time

Since the 1970s companies have taken advantage of piece-level shipping through [AirNet](#). Today, this alternative to containerized or palletized shipping remains a good fit for businesses with time-critical cargo.



"By taking containers and pallets out of the equation, piece-level shipping allows for later cut-off

times for departure and shorter recovery time upon arrival – a benefit to any industry that relies on overnight shipping," said AirNet Business Development Manager Mark Watson. "AirNet also boasts some of the shortest tender and recovery times in the industry of 30 minutes or less."

AirNet owns and operates more than 150 aircraft positioned throughout the United States, including a major presence at Rickenbacker International Airport. More than 400 nightly AirNet departures service over 2,550 distinct markets for early morning delivery. Contact [Mark Watson](#) at 614-406-4859 to learn more.

Rickenbacker, Collaboration Featured in Airport Business Magazine Cover Story



The cover of the September/October edition of *Airport Business* magazine pictures Columbus Regional Airport Authority President & CEO Elaine Roberts with the lead story titled "The Rickenbacker Initiative." Inside, the feature article showcases how collaboration with area stakeholders helps position Rickenbacker as a world-class inland port.

Noting the support of our network of freight forwarders, consolidators, Customs brokers and third-party logistics providers as well as air, road and rail transport companies, the article focuses on Rickenbacker Inland Port's opportunity for growth and development. The area's proximity to the U.S. and Canadian populations along with the Heartland Corridor also

are discussed. To read the entire feature story [click here](#).

Airport Business reaches more than 17,000 subscribers who are professionals involved in the management of airports, airport-based businesses and corporate flight facilities in North America.

Area Businesses In-the-know After Foreign-Trade Zone Seminar

More than 50 area business representatives and real estate professionals recently convened at the Northeast Conference Center in Westerville to learn about the duty-saving and other benefits of operating in [Foreign-Trade Zone \(FTZ\) #138](#).

As grantee of FTZ #138, the Airport Authority has the ability to serve 25 Central Ohio counties, including the area within the Rickenbacker Inland Port.

"This annual seminar is organized to break down the benefits



possible in an FTZ such as lower duties, reduced processing fees and quicker movement of goods from the port," explained Angie Atwood, Administrator for FTZ #138. "Benefits like these can improve a company's bottom line and keep a business strong and competitive."

Attendees at the morning event heard from the following speakers:

- [Nate Green](#) – Director at JobsOhio
- [Matt McCollister](#) – Vice President of Economic Development at Columbus 2020!
- [David Ostheimer](#) – Partner at Lamb & Lerch and Honorary Director of the National Association of Foreign-Trade Zones
- [Elizabeth Whiteman](#) – U.S. Foreign-Trade Zones Board Member

For more information about FTZ #138, contact [Angie Atwood](#) at 614-409-3622.

Meeting Space Available at Groveport Town Hall

Looking for a convenient site for your next corporate event? Spacious meeting rooms for groups up to 263 are available at [Groveport Town Hall](#), 648 Main Street.

Tables, chairs, AV equipment and full kitchen facilities are included. A grand ballroom accommodates up to 115 guests with tables and chairs or up to 250 for theater-style seating. Two third-floor rooms each have a 50-person capacity. Town Hall may be reserved free of charge by Groveport businesses, their employees and Groveport residents; a small fee is charged to non-taxpayers.

Additional facility information, including a listing of catering partners, can be found in Groveport's [rental brochure](#) or by contacting Town Hall at 614-836-3333.



Community Partners of Southern Franklin County Seeks New Members

[Community Partners of Southern Franklin County](#) is looking to partner with local businesses, religious organizations and non-profits who want to make a positive impact in southern Franklin County.

As a non-profit organization, Community Partners of Southern Franklin County works to support leadership programs and community needs throughout the area. Recent efforts have included coordinating leadership seminars and support for needy families in the Obetz, Groveport and Rickenbacker areas. Community Partners also



provides holiday assistance to more than 150 children and adults each year.

If you are interested in being an active partner for future leadership and support programs, [email Community Partners](#) or call 614-409-9421.

48 Days Left to Bring Joy to a Child This Christmas

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots, a national initiative with a local campaign organized at Rickenbacker, needs your help this holiday season. The nonprofit organization is collecting new, unwrapped toys and monetary donations for its annual toy drive to benefit Columbus-area children who are in need of assistance this Christmas.



"Americans are the people we are because we understand what it means to have a selfless spirit," said Staff Sergeant Marshall Brown, a Toys for Tots Local Coordinating Officer. "We have only 48 more days to make as much of a difference as possible in our community this holiday season."

Last year, the Rickenbacker Toys for Tots campaign played Santa Claus to more than 38,000 children and provided over 56,000 toys to these children. "Even with last year's success, we know that our work is never done and many children need our help to have the opportunity to celebrate Christmas this year," explained Staff Sergeant Daniel Blackwell, a Toys for Tots Local Coordinating Officer.

"The Marine Corps believes that just as no Marine is left behind, no child should be left behind," added Staff Sergeant Brown. "Our goal is to give one toy to every child in need."

Toys are being collected now through Dec. 18. Visit Rickenbacker [Toys for Tots](#) for more information and a list of drop-off locations or contact [Staff Sergeant Brown](#) at 614-492-2893.

Save the Date: 2012 REAN Meeting Dates

Mark your calendars for the following 2012 meeting dates of [The Rickenbacker Employer Assistance Network \(REAN\)](#):

- February 15
- April 11
- June 13
- August 15
- October 10

REAN is a volunteer network of human resource professionals and area business owners interested in leveraging their resources and strengths to further develop and grow the Rickenbacker area. Membership in REAN is free. All meetings are scheduled from 12:00 to 1:00

p.m. and locations can vary. For more information about becoming a REAN participant, contact [Chris Kitchen](#) at 614-239-4079.

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.