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Total Quality Logistics expanding to Sarasota, will add 100 jobs

SARASOTA, Fla. (April 14, 2016) — Total Quality Logistics (TQL), one of the largest freight-brokerage firms in the country, will be expanding in downtown Sarasota, creating 100 new jobs by 2020.

The Sarasota office will open with a founding team of six current employees and plans to bring on at least four people in its first hiring class prior to opening. The office in the BB&T Building at 1800 Second Street is scheduled to open June 6 and will include a \$600,000 capital investment.

“TQL’s commitment to further its corporate growth in Sarasota County is a testament to our friendly business environment and quality labor pool,” said Alan Maio, Chairman, Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners. “We are excited to welcome them to our community.”

The TQL expansion was made possible through partnerships between Enterprise Florida, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Sarasota County, the Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County and the city of Sarasota.

“The city of Sarasota looks forward to welcoming its newest corporate citizen to our great community,” said Mayor Willie Shaw, City of Sarasota. “TQL’s capital investment and job creation is a welcome boost to our local economy.”

The company opened its first Florida location in 2010 and currently employs nearly 450 Floridians across the state. They have been recognized numerous times as a top employer both statewide and by publications in each city where it operates. This is the company’s seventh location in Florida, joining existing operations in Jacksonville, Daytona Beach, Orlando, Tampa Bay, Fort Lauderdale and Miami.

Pat Dorsey, Chairman of the Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County, said, “We are thrilled that TQL chose Sarasota County for its most recent Florida expansion location. The EDC will continue to work with them to ensure their success in our community.”

Governor Scott said, “I am proud to announce TQL is continuing to grow in Florida and will be creating 100 new jobs for Sarasota families. By supporting economic growth and cutting taxes more than 55 times since 2010, we are making it easier for Florida businesses to create new opportunities across our state. I look forward to seeing TQL’s continued success in Florida.”

Bill Johnson, Enterprise Florida President and CEO said, “We congratulate TQL for their expansion and thank them for their continued commitment to Florida. Florida is the #1 state for transportation infrastructure in the country, making the Sunshine State the ideal location for logistics and distribution companies.”

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Cissy Proctor, Executive Director of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, said, “TQL continues to rapidly expand in cities all across Florida, providing hundreds of new jobs for jobseekers around the state. Their success is evidence that Florida is the best place in the nation to grow a business.”

TQL Sarasota is hiring now; interested applicants may visit www.tqljobs.com for more information.

Total Quality Logistics (TQL) is one of the largest freight brokerage firms in the nation. TQL connects customers needing to move truckload freight shipments with carriers having capacity to move them. TQL is headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio. Its 2015 sales topped \$2.2 billion and it employs more than 3,800 people nationwide. For more information, visit www.TQL.com or on Facebook at Total Quality Logistics or on Twitter @TQLogistics.

Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) is a partnership between Florida’s businesses and government leaders and is the principal economic development organization for Florida. EFI facilitates job growth through recruitment and retention, international trade and exporting, promotion of sporting events, and capital funding programs to assist small and minority businesses. EFI recently launched [“Florida – The Future is Here”](#) to promote the state as the nation’s premier business destination.

The EDC of Sarasota County is the private, not-for-profit corporation leading the community’s economic development strategy to add high-wage jobs and diversify the local economy. The EDC provides business assistance to companies in Sarasota County and helps forge solutions to community challenges that affect our capacity to build a diversified economy. The EDC works in partnership with chambers of commerce, local governments and other organizations throughout the county and the region. For more information, visit www.edcsarasotacounty.com.

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