



United States Cold Storage Scheduled to Open First Facility in Indiana Expands Midwest Capabilities with 6.2 Million Cubic Feet in Lebanon, IN

March 16, 2009 – Lebanon, IN – This July, United States Cold Storage (USCS), one of the leading public refrigerated warehousing (PRW) companies in the USA, will open the doors of an ultra-modern, high-volume distribution center in Lebanon, Indiana. The \$38 million facility will feature convertible temperature rooms, an enclosed shipping/receiving dock and the newest CO2 Cascade refrigeration technology to ensure the safe, secure and efficient handling of products from some of the country's premier food manufacturers, processors and distributors.

“We are looking forward to opening our Lebanon operation to our customers. It provides a strategic alternative for food companies and retailers who want easy access to Indianapolis and Ft. Wayne, IN, St. Louis, MO, Columbus and Cincinnati, OH, and Louisville, KY,” explains Larry Alderfer, Vice President Corporate Development. “This location allows product to be positioned for direct access to the southern and eastern United States.” The facility, located at 415 S. Mt. Zion Rd. in the Lebanon Business Park, is easily accessible by Interstate Highways 65 and 74.

USCS serves nearly all sectors of the refrigerated and frozen food industry, including dairy, pork, poultry, beef, fruits and vegetables and seafood and has extensive capabilities in nationwide transportation management. Under the direction of an experienced management team lead by Diane Stewart, Vice President Area Manager and Adam Ashley, Operations Manager, Lebanon will offer a complete line up of services, from product storage to custom order handling and local area delivery.

“We believe Lebanon will be an appealing option for many companies. In addition to meeting the needs of a number of our existing customers, it also gives us the opportunity to develop new business relationships with food companies in the region,” says Diane Stewart. “All USCS facilities are supported by proprietary warehouse, transportation and customer service management tools making it possible to provide highly reliable and cost-effective service. In addition, we are conducting extensive training of all our employees to ensure that service levels are top-notch.”

When complete, USCS Lebanon will feature more than 24,000 variable-height pallet positions in temperatures ranging from -20°F to +55°F and equipped with the latest in food safety and security systems. A 30-truck dock will provide access to a super-wide (65-foot) temperature controlled area for loading and unloading of goods. Services include an advanced AS400 warehouse management system with radio frequency (RF) bar code scanning, and eUSCOLD® service which provides 24/7 online access to real-time account data. Custom handling services include slip sheeting, order case picking and USDA inspection and US Customs bonded areas. USCS's PDQ Logistics and Transportation Management Systems will support customers' regional distribution needs through a proven LTL freight consolidation program, direct-to-store deliveries, and cost-saving logistics analysis tools.

In addition to the most up-to-date services and facility design and construction, US Cold is pioneering a new CO2 cascade refrigeration technology that improves operating efficiency and reduces impact on the environment. This next generation refrigeration system builds on current food safety and emissions standards by better utilizing energy and further minimizing contamination risk. It is in use in the company's newest facilities in California, Pennsylvania and Florida.

About United States Cold Storage

USCS is a premier public refrigerated warehouse (PRW) company and is among the top five largest PRWs in the USA. USCS offers more than 170 million cubic feet of temperature-controlled warehouse and handling space in 31 facilities located in ten states including California, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Nebraska, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. The company employs approximately 1,500 highly trained service professionals.

USCS continues to pursue a policy of aggressive investment in the modernization of existing facilities and the construction of new refrigerated centers at carefully selected distribution locations. At year end 2009 we will be operating approximately 194 million cubic feet with 35 facilities nationwide. We are currently under construction at four sites: Wilmington, Illinois to open in April; Lebanon Indiana to open in July; and Turlock, California to open in August. An expansion of our facility in Fresno, California will open in July.

USCS and its managing executives are active members of the IARW, WFLO, NFRA, WERC, AFFI, RETA, IAR, SCMP as well as many other food related associations and professional organizations.

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