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Hollister Construction Services Breaks Ground at Damascus Bakeries Site in Newark, N.J.

Hollister Construction Services, a leading full-service general contractor and construction manager specializing in corporate, educational, healthcare, industrial and retail construction, recently held the groundbreaking of Damascus Bakeries' new 117,000-square-foot bakery facility at 60 McClellan Street in Newark, N.J.

On Oct. 17, representatives from Hollister, including Chief Executive Officer Christopher A. Johnson, President Kieran D. Flanagan and Project Manager Mike McCormack, joined New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, Newark Mayor Cory A. Booker, Newark Deputy Director of the Department of Economic and Housing Development Adam Zipkin, representatives from Brick City Development Corporation, and Damascus Bakeries owners Ed and David Mafoud at a celebration to mark the facility's groundbreaking.

"It is exciting to build a facility for such a well respected company that will bring a number of new jobs to the area," stated Chris Johnson, CEO of Hollister Construction Services. "This new location of Damascus Bakeries is an integral step in the ongoing revitalization of Newark, and we're happy to be a part of this significant project."

Known as one of the country's premier producers of artisan flatbreads, Damascus Bakeries is a family-run business that was founded in 1930. Construction of the new building is expected to be completed in early 2012.

"We are proud to call New Jersey home," Ed Mafoud said. "Newark offers a diverse and energetic workforce and a pro-business atmosphere, making it the ideal location for our new facility."

In addition to Damascus Bakeries, Hollister is involved in a number of other noteworthy Newark projects. The firm is currently constructing Newark Collegiate Academy, a 63,855-square-foot charter high school located at 18-36 Norfolk Street, which will be operated by The Friends of TEAM Academy Charter Schools. Additionally, Hollister is also constructing the 180,000-square-foot, temperature-controlled facility at 52-62 Cornelia Street in Newark's East Ward, which will serve as a distribution center for Wakefern Food Corporation.