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**Spartan Logistics Officially Purchases Whirlpool Distribution
Facility in Fort Smith, Arkansas**

FORT SMITH, AR. (September 29, 2014) – The Fort Smith Regional Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce Spartan Logistics has officially purchased the entire 619,508 square foot distribution building from the Whirlpool Corporation. The Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce and R.H. Ghan Properties have been working diligently with Spartan Logistics since May of 2014 to purchase the Whirlpool Distribution Facility. Spartan Logistics is a third-party logistics company doing work for Owens Corning in Fort Smith, AR.

“We are excited to offer enhanced services to our current clients and believe this facility will enable us to significantly expand our presence in the Fort Smith area,” said Ed Harmon, Chairman of Spartan Logistics and president of its development company. “We are so pleased with the efforts of Fort Smith city leaders who helped move the approval process forward and get us to the closing table quickly with this purchase.”

Spartan Logistics was founded in 1988 in Columbus, Ohio as a warehouse and distribution provider. Spartan’s centralized warehouse locations are all within one day truck delivery to two-thirds of the population of the United States and Canada. It specializes in handling food grade materials, glass, paper, fragile and high value products. In addition to warehousing, Spartan provides full-service transportation,

custom-designed inventory management technology, packing, quality control, co-packing, EDI integration, and inventory management. These quality services have elevated Spartan Logistics as a regional leader in the warehouse and distribution industry. Spartan Logistics is positioned to provide the high-quality service of a national logistics provider but at costs which add real value to customer supply chains. For more information about Spartan warehouses, please visit www.spartanwarehouse.com.

“Today, Spartan Logistics officially sealed the deal with Whirlpool to purchase the distribution building; the repurposing of the site has begun. Since Spartan announced their intent to purchase the property in May, we have been getting numerous calls from companies that are interested in leasing sections of the building. We expect that after today’s news, inquiries about the building will increase. It’s great to have an energetic company like Spartan Logistics as the new owner.” said Tim Allen, President of the Fort Smith Regional Chamber of Commerce. “On behalf of the Chamber, we would like to extend our gratitude to Mr. Ed Harmon at Spartan Logistics and to R.H. Ghan & Cooper Commercial Properties for their hard work in securing this deal.”