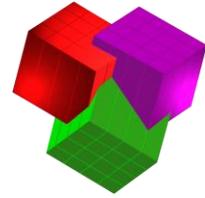


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## **TOPS® Software Relocates to Allen in “Top-Notch” Space**

**ALLEN, Texas** – March 2, 2016 – **TOPS® Software Company** (Total Optimization Packaging Software), a global leader in packaging and distribution optimization, has nearly doubled the size of their office space by relocating to Allen.

### **A step-up in quality**

“The building is a step-up for us in terms of quality and look, which is great for our employees, as well as the customers and distributors that visit us,” says TOPS® President Bill Rehring. The company serves approximately 8,000 clients throughout the world, including the local corporate offices of Toyota, PepsiCo, Frito-Lay and Lennox.

The new location features freeway frontage signage and is located in The Campus at Allen, 1301 Central Expressway. Easy access to North Dallas, Legacy Park and DFW Airport were cited as a major benefit to the move, along with the availability of a good selection of nearby hotels and restaurants.

The software company currently has 15 employees and expects to increase that number to 20 or 22 before the summer, Rehring says. The new positions are in programming, customer service and sales. The area’s quality housing and school options, along with its educated and skilled workforce were also cited as benefits to the move.

### **Time for a refresh**

TOPS® made their move in late January. At the same time, they invested in new servers and furniture. “We were in our old building for more than 10 years, so this has been a good opportunity to clear things out and give everything a refresh,” Rehring adds.

### **TOPS Software Relocates to Allen**

The relocation nearly doubles the size of their office space, going from about 4,000 rentable square feet to 7,050. They now have a larger lobby area and conference room that allows them to host clients and offer on-site training sessions in-house, as opposed to having to rent another facility.

TOPS® is also unique, Rehring says, in that they provide office space to every employee. “I’ve always believed in individual offices,” he explains. “I think it’s interesting that in some companies, for example, programmers seem to get stuck in cubicles. We don’t do that. I think you should be able to have your own space, a little privacy and more pride in where you are. And people seem to like it.”

### **10-year lease**

The business signed a 10-year lease for their Class-A space and was represented by broker Kent Smith with NAI Robert Lynn. Ben Appleby, Russell Podraza and Travis Moore of Paladin Partners represented the landlord.

“TOPS® worked with the Allen Economic Development Corporation on the lease and relocation and had a very positive experience,” Smith says. “When looking at the existing office options available, Allen stood out because of the innovation of the AEDC and the city’s great amenities.”

The city has a lot to offer for businesses such as TOPS®, Smith explains. “People love Allen first and foremost because of the great community. It’s close to Dallas but still has a nice suburban appeal. They’ve also done a super job at putting great new buildings on Central Expressway, which offers convenient access to Watters Creek and the Village of Allen.”

“TOPS® develops innovative solutions to help many leading companies solve complex problems. To do this requires having smart, talented employees,” says David Ellis, Assistant Director for Allen Economic Development Corporation. “The new office and surrounding amenities such as Watters Creek will help it compete for talent. We are excited to have TOPS as a member of our business community.”

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### **ABOUT ALLEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

In 1992, the citizens of Allen passed a citywide half-cent sales tax in support of an economic development corporation. Since its inception, the Allen Economic Development Corporation has been charged with facilitating company relocations and assisting the expansion of existing businesses, which creates jobs and additional tax revenue to the community. Since 1992, the AEDC has recruited over eighty new businesses and industries to Allen that have contributed to increasing Allen's total ad valorem tax base from \$729 million in 1992 to over \$8.3 billion in 2013.

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### **ABOUT TOPS Software**

TOPS® Software Corporation was founded in 1990 and offers the most advanced tools available for packaging and distribution optimization. Our software applications are specialized to target package design, palletization, cargo load planning and optimization. TOPS total commitment to its customers has earned a customer base of over 5,500 TOPS Pro installations and over 3,500 MaxLoad Pro installations. The company continues to incorporate new features to all products to customize them with industry needs, and our diverse customer base spans all segments of the manufacturing, transportation and shipping industries.

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