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*Local Manufacturing Plant undergoes expansion*

SPRINGFIELD, MA, September 13, 2011- The Bradco Supply Company, a leading company specializing in the manufacturing of building supplies, is set to expand Springfield plant. The warehouse will increase by 33%, going from 151,000 square feet to 196,300 square feet.

 The increase of space comes after an increase of the demand of boarding tools due to the hurricanes pounding the east coast. Bradco Plant manager, Patsy Mastrobattista states “People want to protect their homes during hurricane season, and we’re trying to help. With the demand of boarding materials on the rise, we needed to increase the speed of production”. The warehouse will increase the production of these materials, as well as other housing and construction materials.

 The increase will also call for 20 new warehousing jobs, in the employees will be making sure that the company’s products are shipped to the correct construction companies and hardware stores. New employee Bill Bradby told reporters “I have been working in Hardware stores for most of my adult life, but I recently lost my job because of the economy. This new job will give me and my family the fresh start that we need”.

When asked about the impact the expansion and new jobs will have on the economy, Springfield Mayor Domenic J. Sarno stated “The value of building and construction materials are soaring. Which means a slight uplift of our economy, but this is expected to change when the threat of the hurricane season is over. It also means we will be more prepared another hurricane hits us”.