

Press Release

Bender Group opens a 420,000 square foot distribution center in Riverside, CA in partnership with AkzoNobel



Reno, NV - December 8, 2008 - Bender Group, a 63 year veteran of providing third-party logistics services in warehousing, distribution and supply-chain management, announces the opening of a newly constructed 420,000 square foot distribution center in partnership with AkzoNobel, the largest global paints and coatings company and a major producer of specialty chemicals. The opening of the

facility in Riverside, CA consolidates AkzoNobel's two west coast inventories into one and the DC will service all business channels on the West Coast. AkzoNobel made the strategic decision to consolidate the two distribution centers to achieve overall cost reductions and service quality improvements.

Bender Group has played a major role in the design, transition and implementation of the build-to-suit facility. Initially, all decorative paint and paint related products will be distributed from the new DC to company owned stores, mass retailers, and independent dealers. Secondary plans call for the inventory consolidation of other AkzoNobel business units to be shipped from Riverside.

In addition, Bender Group retains the western region transportation management services contract, including an asset based dedicated fleet of over seventy trucks delivering daily to AkzoNobel's west coast clients.

ABOUT BENDER GROUP

Bender Group is one of the most reliable and experienced third party logistics companies in North America with roots in the logistics demands of World War II. Founded in 1945 with a 60,000 square foot public warehouse in Reno, Nevada, Bender Group has responded to the evolution of the supply chain with an entrepreneurial spirit and emphasis on technology. Bender is now a full service 3PL, operating dedicated and multi-client distribution centers, a complete transportation network, and international logistics services. Bender uniquely integrates its expertise and capabilities with an intelligent and focused small business approach.