



## Hunt Midwest

### **Advanced Logistics and Fulfillment Expands in Hunt Midwest SubTropolis** Additional space will accommodate increasing demand for retail displays

KANSAS CITY, Mo – January 7, 2013 – Advanced Logistics and Fulfillment (ALF) has signed a new lease agreement at Hunt Midwest SubTropolis, the world's largest underground business complex. The new agreement expands the fulfillment company's facility by 90,000 square feet bringing the total space leased to 241,925 square feet.

ALF is a 100 percent woman-owned business specializing in the assembly of point-of-purchase displays for major retailers and warehouse clubs. The expansion will provide the added room necessary to receive and store their customers' products in a secure area.

"A greater percentage of our business now involves the assembly of displays that ship directly to a retailer's location pre-stocked and ready for display," said Karen Mathes, president of Advanced Logistics and Fulfillment. "By having our team assemble and stock the displays, our clients have more assurance that products will be displayed exactly as they intended."

This marks ALF's third expansion in SubTropolis since the company was founded in 2007. The company had been temporarily leasing space contiguous to its operation in SubTropolis and decided to expand into it permanently when demand and new client opportunities continued to grow.

"Utility savings, security, and the low overall cost of occupancy make it an easy decision to keep expanding in SubTropolis," said Mathes. "ALF actively participates in the sustainability packaging movement and locating in SubTropolis, which is naturally sustainable, furthers our commitment to reducing our carbon footprint.

"Plus, warehouse environments the size of ours that are located in surface buildings are frequently not air conditioned. The constant temperature in SubTropolis makes for very pleasant working conditions. Our employees love it here."

#### **About SubTropolis**

As the largest underground business complex in the world, Hunt Midwest [SubTropolis](#) sets the standard for subsurface business developments. SubTropolis was created through the mining of a 270-million-year-old limestone deposit. In the mining process, limestone is removed by the room and pillar method, leaving 25-foot square pillars that are on 65-foot centers and 40 feet apart.

Among the many benefits tenants enjoy are low lease rates that are 30-50 percent less than above-ground facilities; low utility costs that offer 50-70 percent savings in total energy costs; and the largest foreign-trade zone under one roof in the United States. SubTropolis is home to more than 50 local, regional, national and international companies which operate underground and employ more than 1,500 people.

In 2012, SubTropolis earned a perfect ENERGY STAR energy performance rating of 100 in the category of unrefrigerated warehouse from the EPA. Of the six warehouse facilities in Kansas and Missouri that have earned the ENERGY STAR, SubTropolis is the only one to receive a perfect rating.

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## **About Hunt Midwest Enterprises**

**Hunt Midwest** Enterprises, Inc. is a Kansas City, Missouri-based company comprised of two wholly-owned subsidiaries: Hunt Midwest Real Estate Development, Inc., developer of over 6,000 acres of commercial, retail, industrial and residential property, and owner/developer of SubTropolis, the world's largest underground business complex; and Hunt Midwest Mining, Inc., 50% owner of the region's largest supplier of crushed limestone, Hunt Martin Materials, L.L.C.

Hunt Midwest, a privately held company, is owned by the Lamar Hunt family. The Hunt family business is a diverse portfolio of entities involved in real estate, sports/media, energy/resources, private equity, and investments. Marquee entities include the Kansas City Chiefs, Hunt Midwest, Chicago Bulls, United Center, FC Dallas Stadium, FC Dallas Soccer Club, Team Columbus Soccer and Crew Soccer Stadium.

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