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**BURLINGTON COAT FACTORY LOCATES DISTRIBUTION FACILITY
IN SAN BERNARDINO**

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., (February 27, 2006) - Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corporation, acquired by the private equity firm, Bain Capital Partners LLC for 2.06 billion, has recently expanded its operations to a new distribution facility in the City of San Bernardino with an investment of 10 million dollars in capital costs. Burlington has leased 440,000 sq ft from ProLogis on Mill & Doolittle Streets and will be operational in late April or early May of 2006. They plan to initially hire 125 employees.

Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corporation is a national retailer focused on clothes, shoes, furniture and home decorations with more than 362 stores in 42 states. They contacted the Inland Empire Economic Partnership (IEEP) in November of 2003 through the State of California's California Business Investment Services (CalBIS), which is part of the State's Labor Agency. Dave Snyder, senior project manager of CalBIS worked closely with IEEP from the start.

IEEP assisted the company by providing information on demographics, workforce, transportation infrastructure, conducting five site searches (which resulted in 98 responses from brokers and cities), and facilitating the permitting process. "Attracting businesses into a region is a partnership effort. CalBIS, the City of San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, the commercial brokerage community and IEEP all played a role in attracting Burlington to the region," said Karin Weddig Durant, vice president economic development for IEEP.

The company chose a site IEEP's partner CBRE had submitted through an IEEP site search. "We are thrilled with the assistance IEEP provided us. They were fundamental in the development of the project and key to us staying on track," said Dave Sanford, vice president of distribution for Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corporation. The team of Frank Geraci, Walt Chenoweth, Dan de la Paz and Art Day of CBRE's Ontario office represented the developer in the transaction.

Instrumental in the negotiations of the deal were Mike Del Santo of ProLogis, Howard Applebaum of Corporate America Realty & Advisors based in Rutherford, New Jersey and Anthony Brent of Lee & Associates based of the City of Industry. "I think their

move to San Bernardino is great. Market wise it was a great deal, a sound economic deal, which worked extremely well for both the tenant and also satisfied the long term needs of the landlord.” Said Howard Applebaum who specializes in exclusive tenant representation and has been representing Burlington for 25 years in Industrial real estate.

According to the 2005 Southern California Office and Industrial Market Report released in December 2005 from the USC Lusk Center for Real Estate, Riverside and San Bernardino comprise the best market in the country for constructing warehouses and new distribution centers.

“Accessibility, affordability and availability are key. The city of San Bernardino is perfectly placed for logistics, with affordable and available land accessible by the I-10 east and west, the I-60 East and West, the I-215 north and south and soon to be the I-210 east and west,” said Colin Strange, project manager of the city of San Bernardino EDA.

“San Bernardino is a great place to be. From a logistics standpoint, it makes tremendous sense to be in California. We are very excited about the opportunities in California,” said Dave Sanford.

Inland Empire Economic Partnership is the region’s only private, non-profit economic development corporation that promotes Southern California’s Inland Empire with the purpose of enriching the region’s economy through business attraction, expansion, retention, and creation.

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