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## **Dennis Foods to Relocate Regional Operations in Suffolk**

SUFFOLK, VA., September 14, 2005 - The Suffolk Industrial Development Authority and Dennis Foods announced today that Dennis Foods would purchase 5 acres in Suffolk Industrial Park. Dennis Foods plans to build a new 22,000 square-foot regional operations center, investing \$1,500,000 in the project and creating 18 new jobs. This new facility will be open by September 2006.

Dennis Foods, established in 1979, is the largest privately-owned snack and beverage vending company, serving public schools throughout Virginia and North Carolina. They currently have more than 2000 vending machines placed in public schools providing nutritious products by branded companies such as Frito Lay, Nabisco, Welch's and Kellogg's, just to name a

few. Their entire staff is trained and focused on serving over 1 million students daily.

Kristen Dennis, Vice-President of Dennis Foods states that, “We are happy with our decision to locate in the City of Suffolk, and especially in Suffolk Industrial Park. This location offers convenient highway access, allowing our drivers to quickly serve all of our customers in Hampton Roads and North Carolina.”

“Dennis Foods will be a great addition to Suffolk Industrial Park,” said Suffolk Mayor Bobby Ralph. “We are delighted with their decision to expand their business in the City. We wish them continued success and look forward to a long-lasting business relationship.”

#### About Suffolk Industrial Park:

Suffolk Industrial Park is a master planned, 150 acre park located on Route 13/32 with Enterprise, Zone, HUB Zone and Foreign Trade Zone designations. By locating in the Suffolk Enterprise Zone qualifying business may receive an array of state and local tax credits, as well as job grants for positions created by business start-ups and expansions. Suffolk Industrial Park is located less than one mile from both the Route 58 Southwest Bypass and Downtown Suffolk.

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