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## **Longship Announces Expansion into Columbus Region**

### *New Entrant into Columbus Market Will Bring 50 New, Well-Paying Jobs*

**Columbus, Ohio** – Longship, otherwise known as Quality Logistics LLC, a leading third-party logistics company specializing in over-the-road truckloads of fresh, frozen, and dry shipments, today announced its plans to expand operations into Columbus, Ohio. This strategic move marks a significant milestone for the company as it seeks to strengthen its presence in the logistics industry and capitalize on its recent growth trajectory.

Founded in 2012 and headquartered in Lexington, Kentucky, Longship has established itself as a key player in the logistics and distribution sector, leveraging technology and expertise to cater to the specific needs of its customers. With a focus on the refrigerated distribution market, the company has experienced substantial revenue growth.

"We are excited to announce our expansion into Columbus, Ohio," said Kenny Ray Schomp, President of Longship. "Columbus offers strategic advantages, providing us with access to a new market and a thriving business environment. This expansion will allow us to better serve our clients and meet the growing demand for our specialized services."

The expansion project will bring significant investment and job opportunities to the Columbus area. Longship plans to create 50 new full-time positions, including roles in sales, leadership, operations, and administrative. With a total new payroll of \$3,570,000 and an average salary of \$71,400, the company is committed to providing high-quality employment opportunities.

"It's great to see a company like Longship come to Columbus and utilize our first-rate office space," said Columbus Mayor Andrew J. Ginther. "We have a talented and eager workforce who is ready for these well-paying jobs, and I'm excited for the families who will benefit from this important win for our city."

This new project will include renovations of an office space in the Easton area. Hiring is expected to begin in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2024.

"We and our partners welcome Longship's decision to choose Ohio for its new operations, which is a testament to a permanent geographical competitive advantage and access to customers that makes the state a natural logistics hub," said JobsOhio President and CEO J.P. Nauseef. "Ohio is a gateway to logistics success, and we

look forward to partnering with Longship as it leverages cutting-edge technology and Ohio's talent to continue its rapid growth.”

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### **About Longship**

Longship was established in 2012 and is third-party logistics company specializing in over-the-road truckloads of fresh, frozen, and dry shipments across the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The company works with over 700,000 Longship-qualified trucks and moves more than 60,000 loads annually. With more than 150 employees, Longship's flagship facility is in Lexington, KY, and they also have growing Nashville, TN and St. Petersburg, FL offices. Longship is ranked 79th among the Top Brokerage Firms for 2023 by *Transport Topics* and is a recipient of the 2023 Top 3PL & Cold Storage Providers Award.

### **About Columbus**

The City of Columbus is the 14th largest city in the United States with a population of 907,971 residents. The Columbus economy is balanced with a combination of education, technology, government, research, insurance and health care entities as major employers within the City. Columbus is nationally known for its booming downtown, historic neighborhoods, arts and sporting districts, open attitude and a noticeably affordable quality of life. Learn more about the City of Columbus at [new.columbus.gov/Business-Development/Economic-Development](https://new.columbus.gov/Business-Development/Economic-Development)

### **About JobsOhio**

JobsOhio is a private nonprofit economic development corporation designed to drive job creation and new capital investment in Ohio through business attraction, retention and expansion. The organization also works to seed talent production in its targeted industries and to attract talent to Ohio through [Find Your Ohio](#). JobsOhio works with six regional partners across Ohio: [Dayton Development Coalition](#), [Ohio Southeast](#), [One Columbus](#), [REDI Cincinnati](#), [Regional Growth Partnership](#) and Team NEO. Learn more at [www.jobsohio.com](http://www.jobsohio.com). Follow the company on [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

### **About One Columbus**

As the economic development organization for the 11-county Columbus Region, One Columbus' mission is to lead a comprehensive regional growth strategy that develops and attracts the world's most competitive companies, grows a highly adaptive workforce, prepares our communities for the future and inspires corporate, academic and public innovation throughout the Columbus Region. One Columbus expertly guides companies through the location decision process. Through strategic business outreach and customized research, the One Columbus team leverages public, private and institutional partnerships to grow the Columbus Region's economy and strengthen its national and international competitiveness. Funding is received from more than 300 private organizations, local governments, academic institutions and JobsOhio. Learn more at [ColumbusRegion.com](http://ColumbusRegion.com).

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