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Handling & Distributing South Texas distributor expands facility

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grow with our existing customer base and it allows us to maintain a high level of service for shipping product out to customers," said John McGuire, vice president of business development.

The second phase will supply 13 additional docks, consolidated battery charging areas, shrink-compensating floors and storage areas that are convertible from 33°Fahrenheit to 60°F, according to a news release.

The company's entire distribution center, which includes three facilities on one property, currently, contains 100,000 square feet of cooler space and 300,000 square feet of freezer space to house seasonal produce and frozen food products. After the completion of the expansion, the distribution center will have 450,000 square feet of total space and 90 dock doors for shipping and receiving.

Primus Builders will handle the expansion. Construction on the facility should begin in late March and finish in October. McGuire said Loop doesn't have any further expansions planned at this time.

Loop Cold Storage started in McAllen in 1981. Founder W.G. Conway originally owned cold storage facilities in San Antonio, naming the company after the Loop 410 highway that goes around the city. The San Antonio cold storage facilities were sold in 1999.

In 2000, the company started Loop Fresh Produce, to provide distribution services to importers of fresh produce from Mexico.

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Loop Cold Storage, a McAllen, Texas-based company that provides warehousing, distribution and repackaging services, plans to better serve its customers with expansion of one of its three distribution facilities.

The first phase of the expansion was completed in 2007, a 45,000-square-foot facility. The second phase incorporates an additional 55,000 square feet of dock space, coolers and office areas.

"It gives us the ability to continue to



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