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PRESS RELEASE

Network South Locates in Franklin County

Business telephone systems and security firm locates to Youngsville

Franklin County, October 4, 2016: Franklin County welcomes a new business with the re-location of Network South, Inc. The company plans to add 10 more jobs in the near future. They purchased a vacant building at 457 Park Ave. in Youngsville and have renovated the property to accommodate their business.

This expansion is possible with the assistance of a Building Reuse Grant from the North Carolina Department of Commerce's Rural Development Division and supplemented with Franklin County support. A grant for \$125,000 assisted with the renovation of the building with matching funds from Network South. The total investment by Network South is \$806,074.

"It is exciting to see technology companies interested in Franklin County and we are thrilled that Network South has announced a new location in Youngsville," stated Richie Duncan, Director of Franklin County Economic Development. "Jobs and investment from Network South further demonstrate our growing strength in the network and security infrastructure ecosystem of the greater Triangle region."

Network South, Inc. specializes in business communications and security, and has plans for expansion at their new facility in Youngsville. The company has received multiple awards which include the Pinnacle Master Award for Steady Growth and Profitability by the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, a *Triangle Business Journal* Top 100 Small Business, and Top Movers and Shakers Award by *Business Leader* magazine.

"Franklin County provided us the opportunity to expand our operations in the fast-growing market of the Research Triangle Region," says Jerry Norris, president of Network South, Inc. "With the help from Franklin County, we are looking forward to expanding our operations and reach throughout the region."

Founded in 1994, Network South has served organizations of all sizes in the Research Triangle Region and across the U.S. by providing the finest in quality, cost-effective telecom and network solutions. Visit www.networksouth.com for more information.

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