



ATC Group Services announces re-establishment of corporate headquarters in Lafayette

(Lafayette, La.)—ATC Group Services, an environmental consulting firm, announces the re-establishment of its corporate headquarters in Lafayette, La. In 2009, the company, formerly known as ATC Associates, relocated their headquarters office from Massachusetts to Lafayette. Cardno Limited, an Australia-based global contractor, purchased ATC in 2012 and relocated the company's headquarters to Denver, Co. In 2015, a group led by Bernhard Capital Partners (BCP) acquired ATC and re-established its headquarters in Lafayette, creating 50 jobs.

"We're in the 'people' business and Lafayette has more than its share of the most experienced and hardest working people you'll ever meet," says ATC CEO and President Bobby Touns.

"ATC is a national leader in environmental services and we're very excited to welcome them to the BCP family," says BCP partner Jeff Jenkins. "We currently have over 10,000 employees and we have made significant investments in Louisiana."

ATC provides services in environmental consulting, industrial hygiene, geotechnical engineering, construction materials testing and special inspection, petroleum, environmental health and safety training. The company serves clientele in both public and private sectors including petroleum, real estate, retail, manufacturing, financial services, insurance, construction, telecommunication, education, government and hospitality.

"I am pleased to welcome ATC's headquarters office back to Lafayette. This important expansion will enhance and continue to diversify our local economy," says Lafayette Mayor-President Joel Robideaux. "The decision to re-establish and grow their headquarters here demonstrates the quality of place that Lafayette Parish offers to both industry and workers."

The company's professional staff includes environmental, industrial hygiene and engineering experts in 70 offices across the country. In addition to its workforce in the field, ATC plans to create additional professional jobs in their headquarters office. The company has more than 1,350 employees across 37 states — making ATC one of the largest companies headquartered in Lafayette.

"In re-establishing their corporate headquarters here in Lafayette, this company is telling us they are here to stay," says Stuart Bishop, Louisiana State Representative. "That's a powerful and welcome message from ATC Group Services during such tough economic times. I want to thank them for their tenacity and commitment to Lafayette and Acadiana."

“I am pleased that ATC Group Services will be re-establishing their corporate headquarters to Council District 7,” says Nanette Cook, Lafayette City-Parish Council Member. “Their renewed presence here will lend a welcome boost to the local economy throughout Lafayette Parish.”

As of today, the company is creating about 25 new positions in the headquarters office and environmental services division. In the next two years, they plan to create another 25 to 30 jobs. These 50 jobs include IT, accounting, human resources, legal, purchasing and marketing positions.

“Congratulations to LEDA on another successful effort to keep the Lafayette economy growing, and a special thank-you to ATC Group Services for continuing to call Lafayette Parish home,” says Page Cortez, Louisiana State Senator. “ATC Group Services is a very strong corporate partner to Lafayette, and I appreciate their commitment to the community.”

“One of LEDA’s main objectives is to facilitate the growth of local companies, such as ATC, and the subsequent creation of quality jobs at those organizations,” says Gregg Gothreaux, President and CEO of the Lafayette Economic Development Authority. “We are appreciative of ATC’s commitment to grow in Lafayette. Every job created right now, particularly the professional positions at ATC, is great news for the community.”

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About ATC Group Services

Established in 1982 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, ATC Group Services provides environmental consulting, industrial hygiene, geotechnical engineering, government services and construction-materials testing and special inspection with 70 locations throughout the United States and over 1,350 employees. ATC nurtures strong client relationships and referrals by consistently exceeding expectations through our professional, well trained, well-equipped and highly motivated team.

About Bernhard Capital Partners

Bernhard Capital Partners is an energy services-focused private equity firm established in 2013 by Jim Bernhard, Jeff Jenkins and a team of experienced private-equity professionals. BCP seeks to create sustainable value by leveraging its founding partners' 25 years of experience in acquiring, operating and growing energy-services businesses.