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Staples to open Brighton facility

The site will process online and catalog orders and handle corporate clients. It may bring about 150 jobs.

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Office-supply retailer Staples Inc. is opening a fulfillment center in Brighton.

The Framingham, Mass.- based company has leased a 300,000-square-foot building in the Bromley Industrial Park east of Interstate 76 between Brom ley Lane and Bridge Street.

The center will serve the company's delivery business, processing online and catalog orders as well as orders from Staples' corporate clients, said company spokesman Mike Black.

He was unable to say how many people the center will employ or how much the jobs would pay. Local officials said they expect 100 to 150 new jobs.

Staples said late last year that it planned an aggressive expansion into the state. It has since opened stores in Glendale and Boulder and has another planned in Loveland.

The Brighton fulfillment center is expected to be up and running by summer, said Susan Stanton, Brighton's director of economic development.

"Having Staples choose a location along the I-76 corridor is a huge endorsement for Brighton as a great business location," she said. The formerly sleepy town of Brighton is on a growth spurt that has brought new housing, office and retail development.

Tricia Allen, vice president of new business development for the Adams County Economic Development Inc., said the center is a welcome addition to the region, particularly because it fills a relatively new building that was occupied for just one year before the tenant, United Facilities, left town.

"We anticipate not only growth in terms of new jobs, but we expect additional expansion in the future," Allen said.

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