

## New Sound Transportation opens a new cold storage and distribution center in Fife

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New Sound Transportation LLC has opened a new 56,000-square-foot cold-storage facility and distribution center located between the ports of Tacoma and Seattle.

The facility in Fife was built to specifications for New Sound Transportation and Northwest Truck and Trailer at a cost of about \$15 million. It features a 20,000-square-foot “state-of-the-art” freezer and chill storage facility, cross docks, parking for long haul trucks and additional land for growth.

New Sound Transportation owner Valeriy Karcha said he “feels blessed to have the new facility, which will be a better environment for our employees and much more accommodating to the needs of our customers.”

Bellevue-based full-service commercial real estate company, The Benaroya Company, developed the energy-efficient facility. New Sound Transportation is buying the building to expand its capacity. The center also serves as the company’s headquarters.

“We are thrilled to have had the opportunity to work with New Sound Transportation in developing their new sophisticated cold storage facility at our Benaroya Business Park in Fife,” Benaroya Principal Larry Benaroya said. “New Sound’s continued growth has contributed to the economic vitality of Pierce County.”

Founded in Fife in 2006, New Sound Transportation has also opened facilities in Delaware, Florida, Chicago and Boston in the past two years. New Sound Transportation currently employs 100 staff in the headquarter office.

A couple of cold storage facilities have been announced in the South Sound area over the last year.

A Chicago company built a plant in Burien, and New Jersey company announced plans for a plant on Weyerhaeuser’s former campus in Federal Way, but later pulled the plug on the project due to community opposition.

New Sound Transportation will be hosting an open house at the new Fife facility from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, August 28, at 7495 26th St. East in Fife.



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