









Hendrick Automotive Group to Open North Georgia Regional Headquarters in Gwinnett

(GWINNETT- METRO ATLANTA) September 20, 2016 – Hendrick Automotive Group, the largest privately held automotive retail organization in the United States, joined <u>Gwinnett Chamber Economic</u>

<u>Development</u> today to announce the location of its north Georgia consolidated regional headquarters to the Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District (CID) in Gwinnett County, metro Atlanta, Georgia.

The new north Georgia consolidated regional headquarters, located at 3175 Satellite Blvd., will provide Hendrick Automotive Group's 29 total franchises in Georgia, Tennessee, Florida and Alabama with accounting support. Scheduled to open this August, the 12,000-square-foot facility is just the latest addition to Hendrick Automotive Group's expansive presence in Gwinnett County.

"We are very excited about expanding our presence in Gwinnett County," said Farris Hamilton, Hendrick Automotive Group Vice President of Accounting. "We chose this location for our consolidated regional headquarters because it's central to our company's dealerships in Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Tennessee. Ever since we opened our first dealership in Gwinnett County more than 30 years ago, it has been critical to our company's growth and a terrific place to live and do business for our teammates and customers. We are committed to this market and look forward to continuing to serve the community."

Since 2015, Hendrick Automotive Group has invested nearly \$22 million in expansion and relocation projects within Gwinnett County. The Group operates 13 franchises in Georgia, 11 located in Gwinnett.

"We are proud to have Hendrick Automotive Group as such a valuable partner in our community," said Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners Chair, Charlotte Nash. "As the largest privately held automotive retailer in the country, their history of success in our community is a testament to Gwinnett's abundant resources that create the environment for companies to thrive."

In addition to the north Georgia regional headquarters the company has recently opened a number of additional facilities in Gwinnett, including Rick Hendrick Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM, Mall of Georgia MINI, and a relocation and expansion of Rick Hendrick Buick GMC. The company also added a new pre-owned facility and purchased a \$3.1 million property for Truck Center inventory expansion.

"This is another major announcement of new jobs and investment coming into the Gwinnett Place CID in 2016," said Joe Allen, Executive Director of Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District. "Hendrick Automotive Group's north Georgia consolidated regional headquarters is a testament to Gwinnett Place being Gwinnett's central business district and an area where businesses thrive."

Hendrick Automotive Group's recent Gwinnett County expansions will create nearly 200 jobs over the next three years. The company currently employs 1,065 employees in Georgia, with nearly 1,000 of those jobs in Gwinnett.

"The addition of Hendrick Automotive Group's consolidated North Georgia Regional Headquarters makes over 15 global, national and regional headquarter announcements in Gwinnett County since 2015," said Andrew Carnes, Director of Economic Development. "Their combined presence has created over 1,500 corporate professional jobs within the Gwinnett community."

Hendrick Automotive Group, headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, encompasses 102 dealerships from the Carolinas to California. The company employs more than 10,000 people in its dealerships, collision centers and accessory distributor installers across 14 states.

About Hendrick Automotive Group

Encompassing 102 dealerships from the Carolinas to California, Hendrick Automotive Group is the largest privately held automotive retail organization in the United States. Headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, the company employs more than 10,000 people in its dealerships, collision centers and accessories distributor installers in 14 states. For more information, please visit www.HendrickAuto.com.

About Gwinnett Chamber Economic Development

Gwinnett Chamber Economic Development globally markets Gwinnett as the premier location in metro Atlanta and the State of Georgia for growing and conducting business. By encouraging investment and trade into the county through relocation and expansion assistance, the organization works with local and regional partners to bring advanced manufacturing, corporate headquarters, health sciences and services, information technology and supply chain management to the community. Home to FORTUNE 500 and 1000 companies, Gwinnett County hosts a wide range of businesses from industry giants, to international companies and homegrown startups. Success lives here- www.gwinnetteconomicdevelopment.com.

###

Media Contact

Haley Tolbert | haley@gwinnettchamber.org | 770.232.1174