GateHouse Media to Establish New "Center for News and Design" in Austin, Texas

Austin Chamber of Commerce and Opportunity Austin's collaboration with GateHouse Media in site selection process results in hundreds of creative media jobs by 2014

August 14, 2013, Austin, TX – Today, the Austin Chamber of Commerce, through Opportunity Austin, announced that GateHouse Media, a leading multi-media company providing news and information to local communities, will establish a new "Center for News and Design" in Austin, Texas. The facility will open later this Fall and will offer a range of services to GateHouse Media newspapers, and, in addition, be in a position to market these services to a wide range of other US-based media entities.

The facility's services include existing print and digital offerings, such as centralized copy editing and page design for the company's hundreds of publications. The facility will also support new platforms and initiatives the company is working on.

The new facility will create approximately 60 jobs by the close of 2013, have approximately 90 full time employees by March 2014, and approximately 200 jobs by the end of 2014. GateHouse Media owns and operates 431 newspapers and 405 related websites.

"We are extremely excited about opening our center in Austin, Texas," said David Arkin, Vice President of Content & Audience for GateHouse Media. "Austin is really the center of activity in Texas and we believe it's a terrific location to attract top talent for our company. We believe Austin offers us the opportunity to create quality products today and develop new products in the future based on its attractive talent pool."

The Austin Chamber of Commerce and Opportunity Austin - a five-county public-private economic development initiative aimed at fostering job-creating investment in the Austin region - supported this investment via collaborating with key leadership from GateHouse Media during the site selection process and providing market evaluation of the region, which has seen tremendous growth in recent years. The publishing industry in Austin is currently numbering 420 companies and employs nearly 10,000 people.

"The Austin Chamber and Opportunity Austin are delighted that GateHouse Media has decided to launch its new design center in Austin," added Dave Porter, Senior Vice President of Economic Development, Austin Chamber. "GateHouse Media choosing Central Texas further illustrates the diversification of the local talent base and the ability to provide quality jobs for recent grads."

Gaines Bagby, First Vice President, CBRE Group, Inc., represented GateHouse Media locally.

"The City of Austin is an ideal location for creative companies seeking a well-educated workforce and dynamic, innovative community," said Kevin Johns, Director, Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office, City of Austin. "We welcome Gatehouse Media to Austin and to the ever growing list of creative companies that are helping us Imagine Austin as an economy of the future."

About the Austin Chamber of Commerce

The mission of the Austin Chamber of Commerce is to provide leadership that facilitates the creation of a prosperous regional economy and effective advocacy for its members. For more information about the Austin Chamber of Commerce visit AustinChamber.com.

About Opportunity Austin

Opportunity Austin is the Austin Chamber of Commerce's five-year economic development initiative to foster sustainable growth through the creation of new jobs and increased payroll in the Central Texas region. For more information please visit OpportunityAustin.com.

About GateHouse Media

GateHouse Media, Inc. (www.gatehousemedia.com), headquartered in Fairport, New York, is one of the largest publishers of locally based print and online media in the United States as measured by its 78 daily publications. GateHouse Media currently serves local audiences of approximately 10 million per week across 21 states through hundreds of community publications and reaches more than 12 million unique visitors per month through its desktop and mobile websites.

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