



NEWS RELEASE

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Central Welding Supply Expansion Offers Local Service to Central Alaska

MARYSVILLE, WA, February 1, 2017 – Dale Wilton, CEO of Central Welding Supply, announced the opening of a new location in Wasilla, Alaska. The business will become Central Welding Supply's 22nd retail outlet and its first location in the State of Alaska. "We've served customers in Alaska for many years, through regular shipments to Central Alaska, SE Alaska, Kodiak, and the Aleutian Island chain. Our new Wasilla, AK location will provide more immediate access to needed equipment and supplies for customers in Alaska. The addition will also offer enhancements to Customer Service, since we'll be positioned as a local business provider."

In January 2017, Central Welding Supply completed build out of its Wasilla retail store, warehouse, offices and cylinder storage yard located at 1255 S. Hay Street in Wasilla, AK. The new location, scheduled for opening February 27, 2017, will support retail sales for walk-in customers, and serve as a central point for distribution throughout the Mat-Su Valley. Central Welding Supply will provide direct delivery to customers in Wasilla, Anchorage, and Palmer, with some limited deliveries to Seward and the Kenai Peninsula. "Though our primary focus is local service," said Wilton, "our close proximity to Anchorage shipping lines and air freight from both Wasilla and Anchorage will allow for the delivery of needed equipment and supplies throughout the interior of Alaska, and Alaskan port towns we don't reach from Seattle."

Central Welding Supply offers a full line of products and services, from industry-leading welding technology, to in-house equipment repairs, rental welding gear, bulk and micro-bulk gas systems, safety supplies, medical, specialty and beverage gases, and more.

"We're excited to expand our services and products to Central Alaska," shares Wilton. "Providing excellent customer service is our core business philosophy," said Wilton. "We appreciate our customers in Alaska and believe the new location in Wasilla will position us well to handle customer needs throughout Central Alaska."

ABOUT CENTRAL WELDING SUPPLY

Central Welding Supply celebrates a rich history in the Puget Sound (Seattle metro) area that began in 1975 as a small start-up begun by Founder, Mickey Wilton. Today, the Central Welding Supply family of companies has grown to 22 retail locations, multiple divisions, over 270 dedicated employees, and over \$80M in annual revenues regionally.

Central Welding Supply retail locations include Anacortes, WA, Ballard, WA, Bellingham, WA, Burlington, WA, Everett, WA, Lynnwood, WA, Port Townsend, WA, Redmond, WA, Renton, WA, Seattle, WA, Smokey Point, WA, Woodinville, WA, Tukwila, WA, Kelso, WA, Vancouver, WA, Portland, OR, and now Wasilla, AK.



Wholly-owned subsidiary, Pacific Welding Supplies, operates five locations including: Auburn, WA, Bremerton, WA, Chehalis, WA, Olympia, and Tacoma, WA, as well as the Rental Center in Auburn, WA and a Cylinder Distribution Center in Tacoma, WA.

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