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## TA sells convenience stores to focus more on truck service programs

TravelCenters of America LLC has entered a definitive agreement for the sale of TA's Minit Mart convenience store business for approximately \$330.8 million to EG Group, subject to adjustments of final net working capital and certain proratations at closing. The portfolio TA has agreed to sell includes 225 standalone convenience stores and certain other related assets.

"TA will exit the standalone convenience store business, allowing us to increase our focus on our core travel center operation, which we believe is a business where we have many competitive advantages," says TravelCenters CEO Andy Rebholz. "We expect some of these growth initiatives may include expanding our industry-leading truck service program and growing our nationwide network of travel centers."

## UTI expands in tri-state area

Universal Technical Institute (UTI) has opened a new 108,000 sq.-ft., state-of-the-industry campus in Bloomfield, N.J.

The Bloomfield campus marks the company's first location in the tri-state area and its 13<sup>th</sup> campus nationwide. As the region's strong demand for skilled transportation service technicians continues to grow, UTI says the campus will train students to succeed in these high-tech, well-paying jobs, which offer ample opportunities to build rewarding, long-term careers.

"Our employer and industry partners are telling us that they can't find enough skilled technicians to meet their demand, especially in a transportation hub like the New York metropolitan area," says UTI-Bloomfield campus President Steve McElfresh. "From a community perspective, these are fantastic career opportunities that allow graduates to support themselves and their families, and we are excited to provide their first few steps."

## Custom Truck One Source acquires California business



Custom Truck One Source (Custom Truck) has

acquired Great Pacific Equipment, a distributor of construction and utility equipment serving the southwest region of the U.S. for 40 years.

With offices in Fontana and Bakersfield, Calif., Great Pacific's existing management will partner with Custom Truck's management, continuing to provide the western United States with equipment and service while growing the business as part of Custom Truck One Source, the company says.

"The addition of the Great Pacific team and its locations to the Custom Truck family is very exciting," says Fred Ross, CEO at Custom Truck One Source. "We are now able to better serve our customers in the western U.S., continuing our commitment to the expansion of our footprint."

## People In The News

■ Betts Truck Parts & Service has hired Kathryn Boren as its new marketing manager and Sara Cox as its procurement and logistics manager.



Boren

■ Robert "Pete" Joy of Phillips Industries has earned the President's Award from CVSN.

■ Stoneridge has appointed Laurent Borne as chief technology officer.



Borne

■ Truck Master Warranty has named Robert Davenport as its new president.

■ APC Automotive Technologies has promoted Andy McIntosh to president of its AP Emissions Technologies division.



McIntosh

■ Jacobs Vehicle Systems has appointed Kristine Moore vice president of human resources.

■ TitanX Engine Cooling has appointed Thomas Andersson CEO, effective Nov. 1, 2018.

■ Redline Detection has hired David Merendino as senior account executive for

mobile and fixed op tool operations.

■ JOST International has promoted Mike Jones to the new position of director of aftermarket business development.



Jones

■ David Giroux has been named chief communications officer at Navistar and has appointed Julie Ragland senior vice president and chief information officer.



Ragland

■ Mickey Truck Bodies announces David Perry has been promoted to director of purchasing and product costing; Larry Henson has been promoted to associate cost accounting manager; and Debra DiEdwardo has joined the company as a purchasing agent.

■ Bridgestone Americas announces Eric Higgs has been named president, truck, bus and retread tires, U.S. and Canada, Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations (BATO). The company also announces Steve Sutherland will assume the role of vice president of marketing, commercial group, U.S. and Canada, BATO.