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### Part's distributor leases WBR site

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PORT ALLEN — Chicago-based LKQ Corp., the nation's largest aftermarket provider of collision replacement parts, has leased 30,000 square feet at the Baton Rouge West



Distribution Center in an expansion of its regional distribution business.

LKQ is moving from a smaller distribution site in the Choctaw Drive-North Sherwood Forest Boulevard area of East Baton Rouge Parish, said Brent Garrett of Beau Box Commercial Real Estate.

“They’re doubling the size of their space,” said Garrett, an agent who represents the 495,000-square-foot Port Allen property that consists of two buildings just north of I-10.

The Baton Rouge West Distribution Center is owned by HSA Commercial Real Estate, also of Chicago. HSA built the facility in the wake of Hurricane Katrina to tap new demand for a multi-tenant distribution center. Construction began in 2007 and the center came online with the first tenants occupying the building in 2008, said Jennifer Harris, an HSA spokeswoman.

LKQ — or Like, Kind and Quality Auto Parts — also distributes paint and body shop supplies and entered into a 10-year lease with HSA.

Garrett said LKQ will occupy its space in February. LKQ is the sixth tenant at the distribution center, which is now 50 percent occupied, he said.

Leased space of 20,000 to 225,000 is available at an annual rate of \$5.15 per square foot at the Port Allen facilities, which include 80 exterior truck docks, 16 drive-in doors, a sprinkler system and indoor clearance to 30 feet.

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