



Sembler's Canton Marketplace adds 1,200 jobs

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Sembler announced that one of its largest developments in Georgia, Canton Marketplace in Northeast Georgia, will begin opening in March and April with 14 major tenants.

The opening of Canton Marketplace means that 1,200 new permanent jobs are being created - a boon for Northeast Georgia's population and a major signal of growth for Canton and Cherokee County.

Those tenants include: Bed Bath and Beyond; Best Buy; Books-A-Million; Dick's Sporting Goods; Kirkland's; Kohl's; Lowe's; Off Broadway; Office Max; PetsMart; Rack Room; SuperTarget; T.J. Maxx; and ULTA. Outparcel tenants include Chick-fil-A; Olive Garden; and SunTrust.

"Sembler has done a great job with the development of Canton Marketplace," said Canton Mayor Gene Hobgood. "All of us in Canton are excited about the job creation, the center's excellent amenities and of course the increase in our tax base. It's a win-win."

The 800,000 square foot, \$120 million retail development is located on the south side of Highway 20 east of Interstate 575 at Exit 19, and will include a number of smaller retail stores as well as dining and entertainment establishments such as:

Canton Jewelry; Cheeseburger Bobby's; Famous Hair; Game Stop; La Parilla; Mattress Firm; Oriental Cuisine; Rue 21; Serenity Nails; Subway; Taco Mac; Vision Works; and more.

"Especially in today's economic environment, we are delighted that Canton Marketplace will open this March as planned, and we are certain that our extensive development will spur other growth in the area," said Jeff Fuqua, president of The Sembler Company. "We are very pleased that Canton Marketplace will create as many as 1,200 new jobs and we commend our many retailers for their positive and optimistic outlook for the future."

Canton Marketplace is part of Canton Place, a 415-acre mixed-use development which upon completion will include a residential component, office space, as well as Northside Hospital-Cherokee.