

City of Lackawanna Announces Addition of Sucro Sourcing to Gateway Trade Zone New regional distribution facility reflects 'clean operations' vision for former industrial property

The City of Lackawanna is pleased to announce the addition of Sucro Sourcing, LLC to the Gateway Trade Zone located on the Lake Erie side of Route 5 - part of the U.S. Foreign Trade Zone Program created to facilitate international trade and increase the global competitiveness of U.S.-based companies

Sucro Sourcing is a rapidly growing and dynamic sugar trade partner for sugar mills, processors, distributors, and industrial customers – and a 100% cane sweetener supplier. The company's U.S. operations are based in Coral Gables, Florida with additional operations in Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean. The company's new operation at the Lackawanna Gateway Trade Zone will function as a regional distribution facility. This facility is projected to create up to 21 new jobs.

"Our top economic development priority in Lackawanna is to strengthen and grow the city's business base," said Mayor Annette Iafallo. "Gateway Trade Zone offers numerous logistical, operating and resource advantages, particularly for companies with clean manufacturing and distribution operations. I thank Sucro Sourcing for investing their business resources here in Lackawanna, and our city development team and partners for their tremendous efforts in securing this exciting new business."

On April 12, 2020, a freighter arrived at the Lackawanna Canal located on the Gateway Trade Zone property to deliver sugar supplies grown in South and/or Central America to Sucro Sourcing's new regional distribution facility - where it will be stored and subsequently shipped for national and international distribution.

The Gateway Trade Zone in Lackawanna offers a highly accessible in-land deep water port designed to help companies with international supply chains



avoid the extensive delays often encountered at other ports when unloading foreign freight. U.S. Customs operations are set up on-site in the Free Trade Zone to process cargo. The Gateway property - together with the adjoining former Bethlehem Steel property and its substantial inter-modal assets - provides a unique and convenient break-bulk location for subsequent truck/rail shipment via nearby rail and Thruway lines to end-user destinations in Canada, the U.S. east coast, and U.S. central states.

"Sucro Sourcing has been delighted with the incredible support of the City of Lackawanna, and Gateway Trade Center" according to Jonathan Taylor, Owner and CEO of Sucro Sourcing. "We have moved very quickly, and the City of Lackawanna has been extremely responsive and receptive. Sucro's business model is focused on providing innovative, lower cost sugar supply chain solutions for its customers, and we are very excited at the opportunity to serve the food industry in the local upstate New York area."

The City of Lackawanna – minutes south of Buffalo's revitalized downtown waterfront and within walking distance of the Olmsted-designed South Park – offers best in class economic development programs and resources, along with convenient affordable housing, recreational and cultural opportunities.