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### Tallgrass Freight Relocates HQ/Warehouse to Western Shawnee

SHAWNEE, Kan.– TallGrass Freight Co., LLC, has announced its decision to execute a lease for a 20,000 square foot facility at 8245 Hedge Lane Terrace. This new facility will combine the company's headquarters and warehouse and distribution operations. Over the next three years, the company will add 12 new jobs to Shawnee with additional growth planned beyond.

TallGrass Freight Co. is a rapidly growing provider of logistics and freight brokerage services. Services include Less-than-Truckload, Truckload, Intermodal as well as warehouse storage. Formed just over four years ago, TallGrass has seen their business grow over 1100 percent. Continued gazelle type growth is forecasted as the metropolitan region's expansion in distribution and warehousing continues to show positive trends. The growth of multiple intermodal facilities in the region has significantly enhanced the region, and Shawnee's, capacity of warehouse storage. Mid-America Regional Council determined that close to \$193.5 billion worth of cargo flows through the region annually.

"Shawnee is a great location for our new headquarters and warehouse operation," stated David Barnes, COO and Co-Owner. "The location off K-7 Highway provides access to all points of the metropolitan region for our customers and freight providers."

Founder and CEO Damon Anderson added, "As our agent program and service expansion continues to show a very promising growth path, we are very excited about the partnership with the City of Shawnee. We feel very comfortable in our plans to expand our footprint in the area."

On January 11, 2016 the City Council of Shawnee will consider a Shawnee Entrepreneurial & Economic Development (SEED) Forgivable Loan in the amount of \$12,000 to help offset construction and new equipment purchases. The SEED Program is an innovative tool that provides assistance for expanding companies based on new payroll generated.

#### About the SEDC:

The Shawnee Economic Development Council (SEDC) functions as a division of the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce. The SEDC works collaboratively with the City of Shawnee and the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce to drive business growth and development. For more information, call 913.631.6545 or visit our website at [www.goodstartshere.com](http://www.goodstartshere.com)