

## U.S. Marble to Open Distribution Facility in Johnson City, Tennessee

**January 12, 2009 Johnson City, Tennessee** - U.S. Marble headquartered in Remus, Michigan announced today plans to locate a new distribution facility serving the southeastern states in Johnson City. The company has purchased a 65,000 square foot facility (former Snap-on Tools property) located at 2416 Watauga Road. According to company owner John Bishop, the company plans to initially hire from 10 to 15 employees when the business begins operations in April. The company's product line includes vanity tops, tubs and showers, window sills, and floor tile used in residential construction and renovation. Bishop said that as U.S. Marble sales volumes grow in the southeastern states, the Johnson City location will take on some manufacturing and fabricating business, though that will come through organic company growth and not a relocation of its Michigan operations. "From looking on a map and evaluating the highway system and Johnson City's central location to serve eastern and southeastern U.S. markets, we felt that this is the perfect site for our expansion," Bishop stated.

P.C. Snapp, Executive Director of the Johnson City/Jonesborough/Washington County Economic Development Board said, "We are extremely excited to have this quality company pick Johnson City for its southeastern U.S. distribution facility." Mr. Snapp also commended the work of Charlie Dotson, Commercial Realtor for the TCI Group. "Charlie Dotson's work to market the Snap-on Tools facility and negotiate the sale of the property was critical to landing this new company in difficult economic times," said Mr. Snapp.

For more information on U.S. Marble visit the website [www.usmarble.com](http://www.usmarble.com).



Left to Right: Charlie Dotson, TCI Group  
Pat Sak, Plant Manager, Sharon and John Bishop (Owners U.S. Marble Company)