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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****COSTCO BUSINESS CENTER OPENS IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

Anchorage, AK – Costco will open a Costco Business Center in Anchorage, on Friday, Feb. 2, at 7 a.m. The 162,000-square-foot warehouse is located at 1074 N. Muldoon Road.

The Costco Business Center in Anchorage will be the first Costco Business Center in Alaska and the 27th Costco Business Center location in the U.S.

“Our location is a very exciting new venture for Costco in Alaska,” said Bob Ripley, the general manager of the new Costco Business Center in Anchorage. “Anchorage has supported Costco greatly through the years, and we are very eager to introduce our Costco Business Center location to our great city, and all of Alaska.”

Costco Business Center saves businesses of all sizes time and money on supplies, items for resale, and essential products for running a business. More than 70% of merchandise is different from a traditional Costco. The product selection is tailored to support the operation of convenience stores, food service, and offices with an expanded selection of beverages, candy, snacks, commercial appliances, tobacco, fresh meat and produce, groceries, and restaurant supplies. Many of these items also are suitable for pantry shelves, lunchboxes and large parties.

“The goal of our Costco Business Centers is to provide an expanded selection of high-quality, brand-name products to meet the needs of businesses, at Costco’s low warehouse prices,” said Rob Parker, Senior Vice President of Costco Business Centers.

In addition to shopping in the warehouse, Costco Business Center offers next-business-day delivery to most businesses in the Anchorage area, on orders placed by 3 p.m. There is no minimum for delivery, but orders under \$250 will incur a \$25 delivery surcharge. Members can also place orders for warehouse pickup. The minimum order pickup is \$1,000. All orders can be placed at CostcoBusinessDelivery.com.

Marketing representatives are available to assist with volume purchasing and other special orders. Many members also may find the earlier shopping hours to be an added convenience. Costco Business Center is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Costco Business Centers have been in operation since 1996. Owning a business or having a Business Membership are not requirements, as all Costco members are welcome to shop. This will be

the fifth Costco location in Alaska, the third in Anchorage, the 601st in the U.S., and the 873rd worldwide. Costco has over 130 million members throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico, England, Scotland, Wales, Spain, France, South Korea, Taiwan, Japan, Australia, China, Iceland, Sweden and New Zealand.

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