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CONTENDER BOATS SELECTS ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR EXPANSION

Michael Yurocko, CCIM, Vice President & Broker of **SLC Commercial, Inc.** announces the sale of a 100,000 sf industrial facility to **Contender Boats**. The property located at 5701 Environment Drive, Fort Pierce, (Midway Rd and the Florida Turnpike) had been home to Packers of Indian River since 1995 and was the largest citrus packing facility remaining on the Treasure Coast. According to Yurocko, the property which fronts the heavily travelled Florida Turnpike at Midway Road should provide great exposure for the Contender brand.

Contender is a premium boat builder of center console fishing boats up to 44 feet. According to Joe Neber, President of Contender Boats, initial plans are for facility modifications to accommodate the production of the company's boat models up to 32 feet in length. Boat manufacturing at this new Contender location is anticipated to generate a considerable number of new jobs within the area's robust and continually growing marine industry. Marine related manufacturing is a targeted industry of St Lucie County and the Economic Development Council as these basic manufacturing employment jobs have a multiplier effect in creating additional service sector jobs throughout the area economy.

Yurocko, who represented the Seller, said the sale was finalized as the result of continued cooperation between both a flexible Seller and Buyer. Additionally, the Buyer's Due Diligence process was facilitated through cooperation from County officials and staff coordinated by the team of Pete Tesch, President and Jill Marasa, VP of the St. Lucie County Economic Development Council.

About Contender Boats

Contender Boats has over 35 years of experience building the finest semi-custom sportfishing boats. Contender is a premium boat builder of center console fishing boats up to 44 feet that are carefully engineered and meticulously hand-crafted.

About SLC Commercial

SLC Commercial is a full service commercial real estate brokerage company with (6) brokers holding the distinguished CCIM Designation. SLC maintains offices in Stuart, Vero Beach, Fort Pierce and West Palm Beach. For more information, contact Mike Yurocko, CCIM, Vice President, SLC Commercial at (772) 220-4096.

About the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County

The EDC is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting economic vitality in St. Lucie County through the attraction, retention and expansion of businesses in the community. The EDC works in partnership with local governments and the private sector to advance its goals of creating more and better-paying jobs for residents, broadening the tax base and improving St. Lucie County's economic quality of life. For more information, visit www.youredc.com.