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Café Valley Bakery expanding; adding 125 jobs

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Café Valley Bakery plan... facility planned for 70th Avenue Phoenix.

open a new, 285,950-square-foot facility in November that will help create 125 jobs in southwest Phoenix, company officials said.

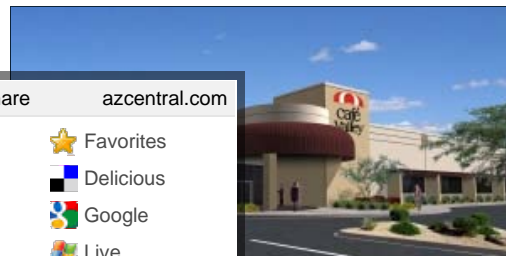
The 20-year-old Phoenix-based company makes wholesale bakery products, such as croissants, pastries, muffins, cakes and cinnamon rolls, which it supplies to supermarkets and convenience stores across the country.

"We will have more space for production, new equipment and expanded warehouse and cold storage capabilities," said Ron Ogan, president of Café Valley Bakery.

The new factory is under construction at 7000 West Buckeye Road in Phoenix. When the \$40 million project is complete, the new plant will modernize the company's operations and consolidate the company that's spread out over four Phoenix locations under one roof.

In addition to the new full-time factory jobs, it will also create 121 full-time construction jobs between now and November, according to company officials.

The project was financed, with \$25million from the New Markets Tax Credit program. Community Reinvestment Fund, USA, a nonprofit, helped Café Bakery use the federal tax credit to attract additional funding, which paid for the rest, said David Hlavac, a spokesman for Community Reinvestment Fund.



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The company plans to hire productions workers and warehouse personnel, said Lisa Holmes, Café Valley Bakery's vice president and controller. For job information, go to www.cafevalley.com.

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