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Atlantic Credit and Finance Leases at Franklin Plaza in Downtown Roanoke

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, January 5, 2017 – Cushman & Wakefield | Thalhimer and the owners of Franklin Plaza, Times Equities, Inc., are pleased to announce Atlantic Credit and Finance (ACF), a subsidiary of Encore Capital Group, will occupy approximately 54,000 square feet of office space on two floors in the five--story office building located at 111 Franklin Road in downtown Roanoke.

ACF, a leading servicer of unsecured, consumer-distressed assets and major employer in Roanoke, plans to invest more than \$4 million to expand its operations, currently on Orange Avenue, creating more than 115 new jobs. The move and expansion, after competing against Michigan and Minnesota, increases their employee base from 244 to 359 in Roanoke, maintaining the exceptional talent and community amenities of the Roanoke region.

Barry L. Ward and Price Gutshall of Cushman & Wakefield | Thalhimer's Roanoke office are the exclusive representatives for Franklin Plaza, which is now 88% leased. "We are excited to have such a great tenant at Franklin Plaza that will bring over 350 employees to downtown Roanoke," said Gutshall.



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