



Damascus Bakeries breaks ground on 100,000- square-foot site Newark building#

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Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno announces the relocation of Damascus Bakeries from Brooklyn, N.Y. to Newark. (Governor's Office/Tim Larsen)

Another shovel went into the ground Monday in Newark, as Brooklyn, N.Y.-based **Damascus Bakeries** broke ground on a 100,000-square-foot facility.

The new building, which will open in the spring of 2012, is located at 60 McClellan St., where Brick City Development Corp. CEO **Lyneir Richardson** said his agency took "several years" to find an appropriate tenant.

Richardson attended the event, alongside Newark Mayor **Cory Booker**; Lt. Gov. **Kim Guadagno**; BCDC chairman and acting director of the city's Department of Economic and Housing Development, **Adam Zipkin**; and Damascus Bakeries owners **Ed Mafoud** and **David Mafoud**.

The facility continues to build on Newark's rising reputation as a food manufacturer: **Wakefern Food Corp.** broke ground on a new distribution center in Newark on Aug. 3, and **Manischewitz** [relocated its world headquarters to the city](#) earlier this year.

Damascus has said it anticipates employing roughly 200 people at the new facility. The company received Urban Enterprise Zone and other Economic Development Authority incentives to make the move to Newark.