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**YKK AP Expands with a New Territory in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast**

AUSTELL, Ga. - YKK AP America Inc. announced the establishment of a new sales territory covering the States of Louisiana and Mississippi. With markets in New Orleans and the entire Gulf Coast, the region will eventually be serviced by a new branch in Houston planned for opening by next spring. Prior to the establishment of the new territory, the markets had been serviced by Atlanta and Dallas based operations.

Joining YKK AP this month is the company's first architectural sales representative in the area. Mr. Keith Hocutt will represent the brand in the region by servicing the architectural and contract glazing communities.

"With a full-time commitment of sales representation in the New Orleans and Gulf Coast area and a distribution center in close proximity, we look forward to introducing the area to our full line of products, including YKK AP ProTek™, our hurricane impact-resistant systems. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, state and local authorities have adopted impact codes now requiring appropriate products readily available in the region."

**About YKK AP America**

The commercial products group of YKK AP America Inc. manufactures aluminum entrance, storefront, curtain wall, window systems, and sun shades for the commercial building industry. YKK AP America is based in Austell, Ga., and is a subsidiary of YKK Corporation of America. YKK Corporation in Japan, the parent company, is a global manufacturer with 2006 total sales of nearly \$6 billion. To learn more, visit [www.ykkap.com](http://www.ykkap.com).