



Provo – **TARGET** plans to open a small-format store in Provo later this year. The 26,100-square-foot space will be the retailer's first small-format store in Utah. It will be located near Brigham Young University at 1290 N. State Street in the Riverside Plaza shopping center. **MOUNTAIN WEST COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE** represented the landlord in the transaction.

Salt Lake City – **UNIVERSITY OF UTAH** College of Science opened the new Gary and Ann Crocker Science Center on Presidents Circle. Housed in the historic and newly renovated George Thomas Building, the Crocker Science Center will be the new home to the Henry Eyring Center for Cell and Genome Science, the Center for Science and Math Education, modern classrooms and laboratories for interdisciplinary science and math education, and a technology incubator space. Gary and Ann Crocker provided a personal lead gift of \$10 million toward the renovation and expansion of the George Thomas Building.

Salt Lake City – New numbers from the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute at the **UNIVERSITY OF UTAH** illustrate just how significant Salt Lake County's role is in terms of the state's tourism industry. According to the study, "Economic Impacts of Travel & Tourism in Salt Lake County," 44 percent of the \$8.4 billion spent by visitors in Utah in 2016 was directed toward goods and services in Salt Lake County. That amount—approximately \$3.7 billion of visitor spending—confirms Salt Lake County's status as a primary economic driver of Utah's robust visitor economy.

Salt Lake City – While participating in the governor-led trade mission to Mexico City and Baja, 27 Utah companies made connections and learned how they can successfully expand their business to Latin America. With approximately \$850 million in Utah exports each year, Mexico was selected for a state-led trade mission because it is a growing trade hub for the Americas and provides an opportunity to attract foreign direct investment to Utah. The trade mission, supported by **WORLD TRADE CENTER UTAH**, the **GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, U.S. COMMERCIAL SERVICE**, the **U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION** and **DESERET MANAGEMENT CORPORATION**, is comprised of private and public organizations from various industries.

West Jordan – The members, employees and board of directors of **DUGWAY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION** voted to merge with **MOUNTAIN AMERICA CREDIT UNION**. Located at Dugway Proving Grounds, Dugway Federal Credit Union is a \$2.9 million institution with 637 members, primarily serving military and civilian employees. All Dugway Federal Credit Union accounts were transferred to Mountain America Credit Union on April 1, 2018. The merger will provide Dugway Federal Credit Union members with access to 89 branches and a variety of new services, including rewards checking, mobile banking, bill pay, business services, real estate and business lending, and a full range of mortgage loans.

Tooele – **MODSPACE** opened a West Coast refurbishment and manufacturing facility in Tooele. The new facility complements the company's East Coast refurbishment and manufacturing facility based in Pennsylvania. With these facilities, ModSpace becomes a fully integrated, nationwide designer, manufacturer and installer of modular buildings for lease or sale. ModSpace is a leading innovator in modular construction and among the largest nationwide providers of mobile offices, modular classrooms and modular buildings for temporary or permanent use.

Salt Lake City – New research shows a large number of underrepresented business owners are getting significant support from **SALT LAKE CITY'S** Economic Development Fund (EDLF). The EDLF loaned more than \$7 million to 56 existing businesses during the past three years. From January 2015 until now, 48 percent of funds were given to businesses with a female owner, 19 percent to a business owned by a low-income individual and 11 percent to minority business owners. According to the 2016 U.S. Census of all Salt Lake City businesses, only 28 percent are owned by female business owners.

Sandy – **SOUND SLEEP MEDICAL**, a dental practice specializing in treating sleep apnea with oral appliances, opened offices in Ogden and Provo. The company also maintains an office in Sandy that opened in January.

Orem – **OUTDOOR INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (OIA)** released its Outdoor Recreation Economy report for Utah's 3rd Congressional District, the first report of its kind that comprehensively captures the power of a vast multi-billion-dollar economic engine in our local communities and across the nation. Every year, residents of Utah's 3rd Congressional District spend \$1.87 billion on outdoor recreation, and at least 288 outdoor companies call the district home. Statewide, Utah's outdoor recreation economy generates \$12.3 billion in annual consumer spending and supports 110,000 jobs.

Ogden – **WEBER STATE'S** board of trustees approved several new degrees that will help students fill positions in engineering and technology fields that are in high demand in Northern Utah and around the nation. Trustees approved two new master's degrees in computer science and electrical engineering, as well as three bachelor's degrees in mechanical engineering, manufacturing systems engineering and Spanish translation. These are the first degrees approved by WSU trustees since the Utah Legislature changed the degree approval process in 2017.