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Charlotte, NC, while perhaps best known for being the second largest banking center in the US, is also a hidden gem in the realm of distribution and logistics management. Centrally located within the Southeastern US, Charlotte sits at the convergence of Interstates 77 & 85, and serves as a vital link to points in the south, Midwest, Northeast, and mid-Atlantic.

Emerging as an alternative to the congestion and high costs of other major southeastern markets, Charlotte is served by the largest consolidated rail system in the country, and its rail connections to the coast give it "inland port" status. Nearly 65% of the nation's population lies within a 650 mile radius of the Queen City, which has led to a phenomenal rate of growth for the region. And looking at



the numbers lately, it's clear that Charlotte, NC is one place an average home owner "can find shelter from this decade's real estate 'perfect storm.'

According to NC Real Estate (source: eZine, "Charlotte NC Real Estate Market Bucks National Trends," July 29, 2009). Charlotte is cited as one

location remaining for those "tired of the "boom to bust" markets that seem to dominate the landscape of so many areas of the US.

(Click here for full article: <http://ezinearticles.com/?Charlotte-NC-Real-Estate-Market-Bucks-National-Trends&id=1078300>).



Home to 9 Fortune 500 companies and headquarters for more than 750 foreign-owned firms, representing 46 countries, Charlotte, NC has seen large scale investment, growth and market transformation over the past 15 years.

"Our early years were primarily spent in grocery distribution" says Tom Miralia, (right) President of **Distribution**



Technology, headquartered in Charlotte, NC. "But all that has changed considerably over the past 2 decades, and our approach is far more consultative. We are now a key access point for multi-national organizations who rely on us to drive efficiency and productivity in their respective streams of commerce. We are very fortunate to be where we are, as a business in this city, at this particular time."

Founded in 1969, Distribution Technology has always been a strategic, collaborative resource to enterprises, large or small, with an array of tools that enhance service to customers. In addition to expertise in food grade warehousing and distribution, Distribution Technology maintains an integrated rail spur

capable of simultaneously handling 32 cars. Within the warehousing campus is a specialty chemical storage facility, which also houses a state of the art flammables room. Offering a million square feet of flexible space, Distribution Technology is probably best known for advancing innovative solutions and practices in cross dock methodology. As a premier provider of efficient, integrated third party logistics, the team at Distribution Technology would be the first to say "hey, don't take our word for it – ask our clients!" Their list of satisfied customers is extensive, and the company has received many prestigious awards for service over the years, including most recently, being named Sam's Club "National Distribution Center of the year for two years in a row.

Carolina's first FTZ, established by Distribution Technology in 1979. With their integrated transportation group, Distribution Technology offers a complete suite of services to complement the market strategies of those organizations looking to advance their business, regionally, nationally, and internationally.



For more information on this 'full service logistics concierge,' please go to www.distributiontechnology.com.

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FedEx has added 92 hybrid-electric trucks to its delivery fleet. The trucks were converted into hybrid vehicles in Charlotte over the past six months, creating 50 temporary jobs in the area. (for full article click:

<http://charlotte.bizjournals.com/charlotte/stories/2009/07/20/daily24.html>).

