



MTC Logistics will be hiring a total of 75 employees at its new Mobile facility. Among the leadership team in place, pictured from left to right, are: Jeff Frazier, general manager of warehouse operations; Michelle Miller, office manager; Reno Frazier, operations manager; and Brooks Royster, vice president of international supply chain solutions.

INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR: MTC LOGISTICS

Weeks after **MTC Logistics** celebrated the opening of its Mobile facility in October, the company was named the Mobile Area Chamber's Innovator of the Year.

"Not only is the facility making a huge impact on the Port of Mobile and APM Terminals by filling a need that existed in our area, MTC has already shown us the impact the company will have on our future economic development efforts," said **David Rodgers**, the Chamber's vice president of economic development.

In addition to drawing seafood processor Ren Seafoods to Mobile, the new facility is providing a marketplace for Alabama poultry to reach the world through the Port of Mobile.

"It is extremely gratifying to return to Mobile with this meaningful project, which allows us to better compete in the global marketplace," said **Brooks Royster**, vice president of international supply chain solutions for MTC Logistics, when asked about the significance of the Chamber's award.

MTC contracted with ARCO Design/Build to construct a temperature-controlled international distribution center like no other. And the result was exactly what they wanted, according to Royster.

This fall, MTC officials learned their new facility was one of six international finalists for the Built by the Best Award by the Controlled Environment Building Association (CEBA).

Two factors that help determine the finalists are project complexity and innovation. And MTC's Mobile facility excels in those categories, said Royster.

"On the outside, it looks like any distribution center. But inside there are numerous components working simultaneously to cool or freeze food," said Royster. "Not only is it unique to Mobile, it is one of the largest, if not the largest, of its kind in the U.S."