

DriveTime comes to Blanding

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ORANGE PARK- DriveTime, the largest integrated used car sales and finance company in the country, is expanding once again in Florida.

The company will open its 17th Florida-based dealership on 220 Blanding Blvd. Dec. 1. DriveTime spent \$350,000 in building costs and site improvements for the new location.

"Our expansion into Jacksonville is exciting for this company," said Jon Ehlinger, DriveTime spokesperson. "We've had great success in Orlando and Tampa and we expect to do the same here in Jacksonville."

DriveTime currently employs more than 387 people in Florida, including the company's nine dealerships in Orlando and seven in Tampa. In addition to the new store on Blanding Blvd., DriveTime plans to open two more dealerships and an inspection center in Jacksonville next year.

"DriveTime expects to generate nearly \$2.5 million in annual sales tax in Jacksonville after the additional stores are open," Ehlinger said. "And we look forward to continuing to grow and positively affect the economy across the state."

DriveTime and its affiliated company DT Acceptance Corp., both headquartered in Phoenix, Ariz., is the largest integrated used car sales and fi-



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The Drive Time sign now stands at a Blanding Boulevard location.

nance company in the country with assets totaling \$1 billion.

The company primarily serves customers with credit problems. DriveTime, the Go-to-Guys for Cars and Credit, sells and finances more than 50,000 vehicles per year in 85 dealerships across eight states. For more information log onto www.DriveTime.com