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**SMARTBOX OF CHICAGO ACQUIRES A COMPETITOR,
CONSOLIDATES IN A MELROSE PARK FACILITY AND ADDS EMPLOYEES**
Now Chicagoland's Largest Provider of Eight-foot Portable Storage Containers

SMARTBOX of Chicago, also known as Chicagoland Portable Storage Systems, LLC, recently purchased the local operations of Public Storage Pickup and Delivery (PSPUD), making SMARTBOX the largest provider of eight-foot portable storage containers in the Chicagoland area.

Founded in 2007, this is the first acquisition by the locally owned SMARTBOX of Chicago, which now has about 3,000 containers. Each of them is eight-feet long, made of wood, transported with a protective vinyl SmartBox cover and conveniently sized to hold up to 1-1/2 rooms (about 3,000 pounds) of personal or commercial items.

“Though only two years old, SMARTBOX of Chicago has grown organically and, now, by acquisition, too,” said Gregory Kaufman, president of SMARTBOX of Chicago, which he co-owns with his brother-in-law, Lee Bolnick, the company’s chief executive officer. “We’re also in a larger, more centralized location now – enabling our many urban and suburban customers to move, store and visit their belongings. Wherever they are in the metropolitan area, we’ll drop off an empty SmartBox, pick it up after they’ve filled it, bring it back to our secure storage center, store it safely and, then, transport it wherever they’d like – whether it’s cross-town or cross-country.”

Formerly based at Roosevelt Road near Central Avenue in Chicago, SMARTBOX of Chicago now has moved to PSPUD’s location at 2427 North Avenue in Melrose Park, Ill. As a result of the acquisition, SMARTBOX of Chicago is adding up to four employees.

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SMARTBOX of Chicago, which also offers local and long-distance moving services, is a franchise of SMARTBOX, the national headquarters for which is located in Richmond, Va.

About SMARTBOX:

SMARTBOX is a leader in the portable self-storage industry, offering individuals and businesses affordable and convenient storage and local and long-distance moving solutions. SMARTBOX services nearly 100 million people in 43 markets throughout the United States. SMARTBOX also can handle long-distance moves to 65 major metropolitan areas serving more than 135 million people. For a complete list of locations, please visit www.smartboxusa.com.

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