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DEAL OF THE WEEK / Boyd Commercial to handle DCT leasing

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DCT Industrial Trust has selected Boyd Commercial to handle leasing for 10 buildings containing more than 675,000 square feet primarily in northwest Houston.

The buildings represent a portion of DCT's Houston portfolio of 34 industrial buildings with nearly 2.5 million square feet. The projects include Willowbrook Business Park, Greens Crossing, Silber Business Park and Wynwood Business Park.

The properties are about 85 percent leased, said Alexander Reilly, a broker with Boyd Commercial.

Deals are being negotiated that could boost occupancy closer to the citywide average of 92 percent.

Some notable tenants include Everyone's Internet, now known as the Planet-EV1 Servers after merging with Dallas-based Planet; JCS (Jimenez Contract Services), a furniture company; Ford Motor Co.; and XL Parts, an auto parts distributor.

The properties consist of warehouse/distribution and light industrial space. Leases range from 3,000 square feet to 160,000 square feet.

DCT Industrial Trust completed an initial public offering earlier this month. The Denver-based firm is the nation's fourth-largest publicly held industrial real estate investment trust. The company owns more than 60 million square feet of distribution space in 24 markets leased to more than 750 corporate tenants.

Houston-based Boyd Commercial is an affiliate of CORFAC International.