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TechniGraphics to add jobs Announcement accompanies debut of new facility

TechniGraphics opened its new Fort Collins home in style Thursday announcing it would add more than 100 new jobs to the area by 2010.

The company that nearly left Fort Collins two years ago is expanding its 87-person work force by 10 percent this year and another 100 jobs within three years.

TechniGraphics bought the 35,500-square-foot building in southeast Fort Collins a year ago and moved in March.

It was a huge leap from 13 years ago when TechniGraphics bought a small Fort Collins company, Johnson Controls, that employed 10 people in a 5,000-square-foot building on Research Boulevard, president and CEO Dee Vaidya told a crowd of about 200.

Three of Johnson Controls' original 10 are still with TechniGraphics, which employs 200 GIS experts alone.

The company has high-level contracts with such government agencies as Homeland Security and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

Capt. Kevin Sherman, force director for National Geospatial-Intelligence, said TechniGraphics provides his agency with maritime safety products, maps and other homeland security data products as well as digital nautical charts to the Navy.

"In the next two years, the Navy will rely on products from companies like TechniGraphics to navigate all of the seas and help ground troops navigate cities with their map systems," he said.

The company got its start in 1982 as Technicolor Graphic Services, or TGS, a division of the "Color by Technicolor" company and began working with early geospatial technology, or GIS. It has grown as the industry matured to become a leader in geospatial technology, Vaidya said.

"We are the best prime contractor the defense-intel has in this country," Vaidya said.

Industrial customers, working with TechniGraphics' 3-D computer aided design, or CAD field, include multinational corporations such as Boeing, DaimlerChrysler, General Dynamics, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman and Oshkosh Truck.

Headquartered in Wooster, Ohio, TechniGraphics has domestic facilities in California, Colorado, Georgia, Michigan, Missouri and Washington. International locations include India and the Netherlands.

"We are thankful the Fort Collins region has tenacious companies such as TechniGraphics that make a difference in the community and in the world," said Maury Dobbie, CEO of Northern Colorado Economic Development Corp., which has been working with TechniGraphics to keep the company in the region and expand its facilities and work force.

Interested?

TechniGraphics is hiring for various positions. To learn more about TechniGraphics, visit www.tgstech.com or call Rob Piper, human resources manager, at 224-4996 or via e-mail to rpiper@tgstech.com.

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