

# Highlighting TechniGraphics' Growth and Strong State Partnership

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In just over 20 years, TechniGraphics has grown from just five employees working around a kitchen table to 581 employees working across the globe, including 264 at their headquarters in Wooster. Just this past March, TechniGraphics partnered with the State of Ohio to open its 2<sup>nd</sup> building in 4 years.

The company relies upon Ohio's excellent colleges and universities to provide the workforce that allows for its rapid expansion and growth in Ohio. Of the 90 employees recently hired at TechniGraphics, 50 arrived with degrees from an Ohio college or university.



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## TechniGraphics CEO Dee Vaidya



A dozen years ago, TechniGraphics counted just five employees in Ohio. Today, over 250 Ohioans work from our headquarters in Wooster. For a company tracing its DNA to Fort Collins, Colorado, and one whose primary customer is in our nation's capital, Ohio might seem like an unlikely choice. Two major considerations, however, drove the decision to grow our geospatial and engineering services company in the Buckeye state.

Business doesn't really recognize geographical boundaries. With today's superb connectivity, the Rocky Mountains could be outside our windows. It doesn't matter that I was born and educated in India. My wife, Mary, was raised right here in Wooster and we were convinced this wonderful college town was the best place to raise a family. We soon learned it was also the perfect place to grow a business.

In Ohio, TechniGraphics found willing partners. The family of the Don Noble, former CEO of Rubbermaid and our partner, and the State of Ohio made decision making easy. They joined the City of Wooster to create the High Tech industrial park in which we are located. When growth demanded a second building, the Ohio Department of Development offered financing. The city and state also provided tax incentives to support investments in people and facilities. Without them, TechniGraphics wouldn't be what it is today.

Then there is the work ethic of Ohioans. Though our business is computer intensive, it's human beings that ultimately produce our digital data. In Ohio, we have found a talented, dedicated workforce. Many of our employees are recent college graduates, most from Ohio's colleges and universities. They have quickly climbed up their career ladders, achieved positions of significant responsibility and contributed hugely to our success. Looking back, there's no doubt Ohio was the right place to raise the TechniGraphics family.