

Roll Products Inc. Completes Renovation and Addition to Saint Marys, KS Facility

Manufacturing headquarters modernized, space doubled to support future growth in label & tape markets

Roll Products, Inc. (rollproducts.com) announces the completion of year-long renovation, improvement, and addition to the facility at the company's headquarters in Saint Marys, Kansas. The project is one facet of the company's strategy implemented in 2016 to bring its infrastructure, manufacturing process, and fulfillment to the highest standard in order to serve its North American and European customer base more efficiently.

Highlights of the addition include:

- A professionally-designed delivery, manufacturing, finishing, and fulfillment workspace, which has increased efficiency exponentially.
- 676 square feet of existing office space that has been modernized and made energy efficient.
- 1,987 square feet of new office space to accommodate new employees.
- 1,311 square feet of new manufacturing space, dedicated to product finishing and packaging.
- Features of the new office and manufacturing space:
 - Long-needed space for additional inventory and production.
 - Space to reorganize presses and equipment for increased workflow, as well as more efficient movement of finished products to shipping.
 - A state-of-the-art conference facility for meeting nationwide and international customers
 - A dedicated employee lounge and break area
 - Large southern-facing windows to allow natural light into manufacturing and offices
 - A fully automated and secured entry control system
 - Dedicated space for two, 14' custom-built slitting machines, designed and manufactured by K.G. Moats & Sons, also of Saint Marys, KS

On the design and execution of the project, which had been part of his long term goals since joining the leadership team at Roll Products in 2008, president Andrew Latham said, "The first strategic value implemented several years ago was people-centric: providing as many employment opportunities as possible in our communities. We're happy that this strategy has essentially forced our hand into expanding our facilities. But equally as important as square footage is good design; allowing our team to work safely, efficiently, and comfortably. We also chose exterior materials that reflected the history and geography of the Flint Hills. All in all, I'm very pleased with the outcome."

Roll Products' VP of Sales and Development, Joe Thomas, was instrumental in the day to day oversight of the construction, planning, and design process, which broke ground on Independence Day weekend 2018. When asked about kicking off the recent project, Thomas said, "The plan is to grow, God willing. The old footprint didn't allow for the kind of growth that we are planning."

Roll Products' VP of Finance, Patrick Werick, agrees with the goal of "prudent growth, while providing sustainable jobs in the community we hold so dear." Werick has been able to utilize the new upper floor offices for the company's customer support and sales team.

The general contractor of the project was Riley Construction of Wamego, KS, following the plans of ML Architect of Post Falls, ID. The owner of ML Architect, Mark Latham, is a St. Marys native, and the brother of Roll Products' president: "Growing up in St. Marys and working at RPI, it was great to come back to work on this project. Andrew, Pat and Joe were great to work with, and the contractor and city were also a pleasure. We worked together to take a bland 70's building and transform it into a fitting headquarters for RPI. Overall, it increased the size of the building greatly and made the existing spaces more productive. We are proud to have worked on this project."

About Roll Products, Inc: A family-owned corporation with 34 employees, RPI was founded in 1976 by Del Latham in Madison, WI. Its mission is to provide large corporations, catalogers, and resellers with custom-designed and printed pressure-sensitive tapes and labels. In 1988, the company relocated to Saint Marys, KS, moving into a former Sprint telephone office - the same space renovated in 2019.

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