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Lab Space attracts new tenant to Mound

A key corporate staff function of MeadWestvaco has moved to the Mound Advanced Technology Center. The Safety, Health & Environmental (SH&E) Laboratory, part of the company's Safety, Health and Environmental group, is leasing 5,951 square feet of laboratory and office space at 965 Capstone Drive.

"A big part of our decision to move here is that we could have things up and running quickly," said Laboratory Services Manager Jerry Fair. "MMCIC did a great job of getting everything ready for our move-in."

The operation, which employs seven scientists, is responsible for environmental monitoring, industrial hygiene and product safety testing for MeadWestvaco corporate functions and operating facilities. The lab supports over 40 of the company's facilities in the U.S. and abroad. The company is a leading developer of packaging for the cosmetics and personal care, healthcare and pharmaceuticals, food and beverage, home and garden and media industries.

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Michael Stanley (left) and Edwin Davidson are among the seven MeadWestvaco scientists working at the Mound Advanced Technology Center. The company is leasing nearly 6,000 square feet of laboratory and office space.



PerkinElmer Optoelectronics: quality not negotiable

They don't go into battle or even carry weapons, but the 50 employees of PerkinElmer Optoelectronics save lives every day. The work being done by this company based at the Mound Advanced Technology Center is protecting soldiers half a world away on the battlegrounds of Iraq.

Components made locally

One of the company's many products, the Javelin firing module, for example, was developed in partnership with leading defense contractor Lockheed Martin. Using warhead initiation components made in Miamisburg, the weapon is capable of seeking out and destroying an enemy target more than one mile away.

"While attending the Lockheed Martin Supplier Conference in May 2008, I heard a U.S. soldier tell the story of being under fire by an enemy in Baghdad," said PerkinElmer Vice President and General Manager Doug Benner. "The Javelin used infrared (heat-seeking technology) to lock on to the target and saved this soldier's life."

Bringing back legacy work

Launched in 1994 by former Mound employees, PerkinElmer has been built

— and has flourished — on the skills honed by scientists during the Cold War when the site was a defense weapons installation. Most of the company's work is still defense-oriented. In fact, the company supports the missions of DOE's Sandia National Laboratories in California, just as Mound did in its heyday.

"We've brought some of the work back to the Mound site," Benner said. "In some cases, we're providing replacement components for the things built at Mound all those years ago."

'Can't miss the runway'

Benner believes PerkinElmer has been successful as a business because of their commitment to quality. "There is a legacy of quality that we have continued since the days of Mound," he said. "We've kept that culture and established it with our new employees.

"Our products must be absolutely reliable. They have to function when they're called on to function. We can't 'miss the runway.'"

According to Benner, the company's employment continues to grow and sales are expected to increase by 30 percent in



PerkinElmer's Jeff Matthews powder presses explosives into a device. He is one of the company's 50 workers employed at the Mound Advanced Technology Center.

2008. Officials recently signed a new five-year lease and plan to stay at the MATC indefinitely.

"The folks at MMCIC have been responsive to our needs and we have a good relationship with them," Benner noted. "We also have access to many high-tech resources from other companies at this site, and that is really important to us."

mound cleanup to be finalized

The last of the environmental contaminants from a four-acre landfill at Mound known as Operational Unit 1 is targeted for clean up soon, thanks to \$10 million authorization by the U.S. House of Representatives Armed Services Committee as part of the 2009 Defense Appropriations Bill. The bill must also win Senate approval and receive appropriations.

The funds would finalize the \$1 billion environmental remediation of the 306-acre Mound site. Two years ago, the completion was on track until funding was depleted with the discovery of higher-than-expected contaminant concentrations.

According to U.S. Rep. Mike Turner, who serves on the committee and advocated for the funds, "The Mound cleanup is important for both health and economic development reasons and will benefit our region for many years to come."

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Several MeadWestvaco functions, including the SH&E laboratory, were housed for 22 years at 3475 Newmark Drive in Miamisburg. The search for new space was the result of corporate consolidation efforts.

"Our staff possesses a range of scientific degrees and is highly experienced," said Fair. "We are excited to be part of a community specializing in current technologies."

MeadWestvaco is investing \$350,000 to customize its leased space, which will include four labs.

"MeadWestvaco and this analytical chemistry operation fit very well into our vision for the site," said MMCIC President Michael Grauwelman. "The scientists should feel right at home in Mound's technology-oriented environment. We are pleased that they chose to keep the operation in Dayton."



BOARD MEMBER: mound important to 'community portfolio'

The strong collective credentials of the MMCIC board were enhanced even further last year with the appointment of Miamisburg City Manager Bill Nelson. Hired by the city in February 2007 to fill the top executive spot after the retirement of 18-year manager John Weithofer, he brings new dimensions of experience to the board.

"Bill has been a quick study on the complexity of the issues at Mound," said Weithofer, who continues to chair the MMCIC board. "He brings great insight especially from his prior economic development experience."

22 years of public service

With a master of public administration degree from the University of Cincinnati, Nelson began his city government career in 1985 when he was named assistant city manager in West Carrollton. After two years,

he took a similar position with the city of Springdale for five and one-half years. He then held the city manager's job in Tipp City for four and one-half years before being named to the top administrative post in Dowagiac, MI, where he remained for 10 years before being recruited to Miamisburg.

"This is a great community with a tradition of good government and a variety of interesting projects going on, including Mound's reuse," said the New Richmond, Ohio, native. "From a long-term asset, it (Mound) became a liability and now has gone back to being an asset again."

Understands Mound's challenges

According to Weithofer, Nelson has been a "fantastic addition" to the MMCIC board.

"In Michigan, he managed in a smaller community," the chairman said. "He understands how to use incentives to



Bill Nelson, Miamisburg City Manager and MMCIC Board Member

recruit businesses. That will be important for Mound."

Nelson describes himself as "brazenly optimistic" about MATC's future.

"It will never be exactly what it was," he said. "But it will be a high-tech park that employs many creative and productive individuals who enjoy being surrounded by smart people like themselves. It's an important piece of our community portfolio."

mound company chosen for chamber award



Mound Laser & Photonics Center Inc. (MLPC) has received the 2008 Soin Award for Innovation from the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce and Soin International. This prestigious recognition, which includes a gift of \$25,000, is given annually to a company in the Dayton region that exhibits innovative spirit and makes significant contributions to the community. MLPC is an MATC-based, full-service laser processing company that offers contract laser welding, laser marking/engraving and laser micromachining services.

"The funds will be used to expand the company's intern/co-op program," said MLPC President Dr. Larry Dosser. "Our goal is to provide more undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a high-tech business."

Turner provides property management ... and more

The value of strategic partnerships has not escaped MMCIC. So in 2006, when officials saw the need for both conventional and unconventional property management services at Mound, they chose one of the top companies in the region: Turner Property Services Group.

"We realized long ago that in order to be successful our firm needed to focus on its core competencies," said MMCIC president Michael Grauwelman. "Our strategy has been to team with the experts who have the skill sets and experience to expand these competencies."

The selection of Turner Property Services – the result of a competitive bidding process – was a natural evolution. The company's relationship with MMCIC had begun in 1993, when it was Larry Stein Property Services. In 2005, the company was purchased by Steven Turner, who

had directed the Larry Stein property management division.

"With Mound going into a new era of ownership, they were looking for a strategic partner to help with their goals of tenant retention and marketing of the site," said Turner. "They asked us to help them with their new mission in addition to our property management role."

As senior property manager responsible for Mound, Sue Considine not only works to keep tenants happy, she also provides MMCIC input on trends and future needs.

"There is a lot more to it than plowing snow, doing maintenance and taking care of the asset," she said. "As MMCIC moves toward marketing the site as a viable tech center, they need help in identifying industry standards and looking to the future for building technology. They want to be on the cutting edge for their future customers."





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office space available

An 11,000-square-foot office building is available for lease on the Mound campus. Built in 1989, the two-story facility at 1075 Mound Road is constructed of load-bearing pre-cast concrete exterior walls with pre-cast concrete plank floor construction. It features a new boiler and chiller. The electrical service is 400 amp, 480 volt, 3 phase. Dual feed is available. The building also features a conference room, security system and 50 adjacent parking spaces.

For more information, please contact MMCIC at 937-865-4462 or visit the website at http://www.mound.com/html/index_frames.htm.



With frontage on Mound Road, this building is an ideal office location.

