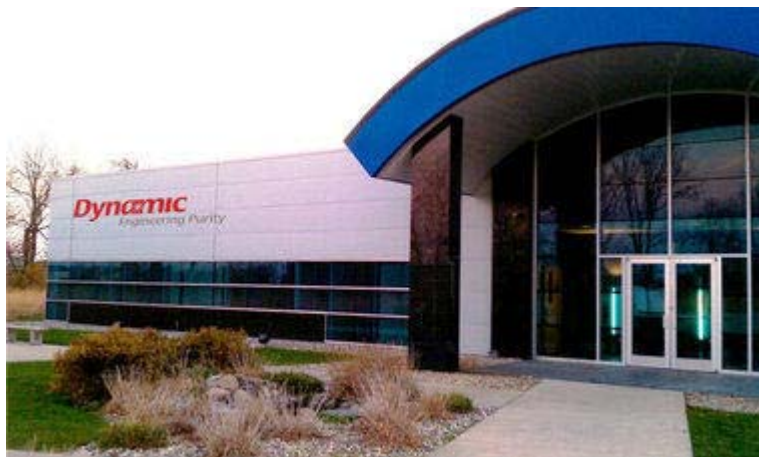


Dynamic Engineering Inc. relocates to Western Michigan University business-tech park; has big plans for expansion

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Dynamic Engineering has taken up residence in the Granite Park 1 Building in Western Michigan University's Business Technology and Research Park.

KALAMAZOO — An engineering services firm that specializes in consulting work for pharmaceutical and chemical makers, has become the latest tenant in Western Michigan University's Business Technology and Research Park.

Houston-based Dynamic Engineering Inc. opened a 3,000-square-foot office in late October inside the park's Granite Park 1 Building, relocating from a longtime location in Sturgis. The new office employs 10 people focused on engineering and business development. And it has hopes to double or triple that job base within a year.

"We do all of the process design, (product) flow-diagram, anything associated with process — packaging, automation, control systems," said Christian Fittro, business development manager for Dynamic Engineering's Michigan office.

With its consulting work, Dynamic Engineering specializes in processes that require guaranteed purity, helping companies in high-purity industries establish new production lines and open new manufacturing facilities.

In some cases that may involve a feasibility study of a manufacturing process, Fittro said. In other cases it might be actually designing and implementing a process.

"Opening this new office will allow us to serve our legacy pharmaceutical clients in the Midwest and build new business," Fittro said.

He said that although the business established its headquarters in Houston in 2008, it got its start in 1985 in Sturgis, doing work for nutritional products producer Ross Laboratories, which is now part of Abbott Laboratories.

Privately held Dynamic Engineering has about 30 workers in Houston and another 10 in



Shanghai, China. Both of those groups are focused on processes that improve the production of polycrystalline silicon, a raw material used in solar panels.

Dynamic's pharmaceutical customers have included Abbott Laboratories, Bayer, Parke-Davis and Pfizer. And it has dynamic growth plans.

"We would love to double or even triple the size of the Kalamazoo office over the next year," Fittro said.

The company has a history of employing WMU alumni and working with interns from the university, said Bob Miller, associate vice president of community outreach for WMU.

"We're thrilled to have them," Miller said. "They are an engineering firm that is very excited about continuing to work with our College of Engineering and Applied Sciences."

Having the company in the business park creates "additional opportunities for students to walk out of their classrooms and be steps away from where they are doing an internship," Miller said.

Dynamic Engineering is the 32nd company to take up residence in the 265-acre Business Technology and Research Park, Miller said, including 16 entities that utilize the Southwest Michigan Innovations Center, a life-sciences incubator.

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Dynamic Engineering has become the 32nd company to take up residence in Western Michigan University's 265-acre Business Technology and Research Park, shown in this aerial photo, looking north by northwest. The park is south of Parkview Avenue at Drake Road and just east of U.S. 131. WMU's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences in at the bottom of the image.