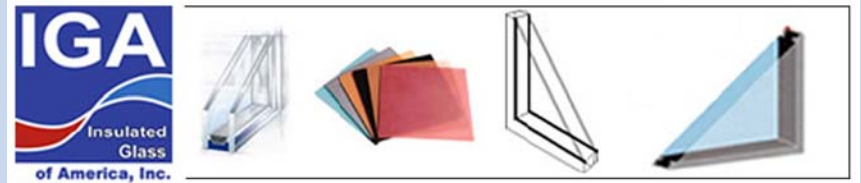




IGA Heads to Dallas to Make Glass

DALLAS, NC — Insulated Glass of America (IGA) has expanded into the former Piedmont Fabrics building located at 102 East Field Street in Dallas. The principal owners of the firm; Louie Dean, Kevin Collier and Derek Spears, conducted an extensive two year search of the region for a building to house their production and warehouse/distribution operations. Approximately \$3 million is to be invested in land; building and equipment by the company and nearly 30 persons are currently employed.



IGA is an "insulated glass" manufacturer as well as flat glass wholesaler/distributor. IGA supplies all types of flat glass products to regional dealers and custom suppliers. IGA is not open to the public and its sales are only through authorized channels. At the Dallas plant IGA operates a computerized tempering furnace. This furnace allows production of Heat Strengthened Glass as well as Tempered Glass which improves IGA's regional market penetration and shortens response times to customer's special needs.

Louie Dean, President of Insulated Glass of America commented, "IGA is excited to move to a county that is so committed to attracting and building new business opportunities. A big thank-you goes to Marc Bolick of the Gaston County EDC for his efforts in this process. Dallas' Mayor, Rick Coleman, has always been available to assist in any way that he could be involved. John Ferguson and the 'entire' Utilities Department were crucial in providing services to the upgraded facility. I cannot emphasize enough how these two men and their staff were essential to the success of IGA's endeavor. I would recommend without hesitation, consideration of Gaston County for any new business or expansion. I want to thank David Hoyle, Jr. for his support beyond the sale of the building. He took the time to personally introduce us to key individuals and businesses in Dallas as well as Gaston County. I have never been involved in a project of this magnitude that progressed so smoothly. Not only did we build great business relationships, but we also made 'good friends' along the way."

"I want to welcome Insulated Glass of America to Gaston County. IGA will be a tremendous asset to Dallas and Gaston County. The Gaston County Board of Commissioners appreciates the investment and the creation of good jobs for our citizens," stated Mickey Price, Chairman of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners.

IGA secured local contractors 'exclusively' for the up-fit and renovation of the facility. This was beneficial to IGA by having vendors close to the job site and mutually benefited local business by keeping job opportunities in Gaston County. IGA would like to thank the following companies for their support and services during this important expansion:

- CAROLINA DESIGN GROUP, Gerald Sosebee, provided our site surveys
- CEDAR HILL GRADING, Jeremy Falls, cleared and improved our grounds
- TIM WATTS ROOFING upgraded our siding and roofing.
- ZEB McDOWELL, (Mt. Holly) provided all of our concrete traffic and parking areas
- DOVE ELECTRIC, Andy Dove, (Belmont) Electrical Contracting
- AVALON TELENETWORKS, Tim Haskins, Telecommunications Contractor