



Major Sports Equipment Manufacturer Makes Gaston County Home for Its Headquarters and Manufacturing Facility

The Gaston County Economic Development Commission Announces the Location of UCS to Gaston County.

High Shoals, Gaston County, NC - UCS, a major manufacturer of gymnastic, track and field and seating equipment, has announced its plans to locate in the former Sonoco facility near High Shoals. The company will renovate the facility and add additional office space. The completed facility will encompass approximately 130,000 square feet on 85 acres. UCS is an official supplier to four Olympic Games, the NCAA Indoor & Outdoor Championships (Divisions I, II, and III) and USA Track & Field. The facility will be equipped with the latest equipment and technology.



UCS, was founded in 1967 as United Canvas and Sling, Inc. in Hackensack, New Jersey by Lou Schwartz, making custom awnings, boat covers and canvas products. In 1967, Margaret and Jeff Schwartz joined the company. Two years later Jeff saw an opportunity to expand the company's production to include pole vault and high jump mats. Larry Schwartz joined the family business in 1978, and now, he and Jeff lead a successful, dedicated team of professionals with operations in New Jersey and Nevada. The company will relocate its New Jersey operation to High Shoals by the end of the year.



Total investment for the project is approximately \$3 million. UCS will initially employ 65 workers and potentially have up to 100 employees.

UCS will hire engineers, office/customer service staff, welders, sewing machine operators, woodworking and assembly line workers. Applicants may submit resumes by fax to 1-888-810-4070 or by email to jobs@ucsspirit.com.