



2007 PROJECTS

- ◆ **PARKER HANNIFIN**—Expanded its manufacturing and office operations at Kings Mountain facility. Plans call for a 47,000 square foot manufacturing addition and nearly 16,000 square feet of office space. The company expects to add approximately 45 hourly jobs initially and 45 salaried positions long term.
- ◆ **AC FOAM**—Located its newest production facility in Gastonia. The company is a custom fabricator of high quality, finished foam products used primarily in the commercial construction industry. AC Foam will invest approximately \$1 million, including machinery and equipment, and employ 12 people.
- ◆ **CUSTOM PLUMBING**—Moved into an existing facility at 260 Oakland Drive in Lowell. The company specializes in the replacement of water heating systems for hotels, motels, restaurants and other commercial and industrial facilities.
- ◆ **GOODWILL & GASTON COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD COUNCIL**—Joined together to create a more streamlined and efficient workforce development system in Gaston County. As part of the partnership with the Gaston County Workforce Development Board's YouthWorks program, Goodwill is moving its Job Connection in Gaston County to a larger facility at 412 South Broad Street in Gastonia.
- ◆ **IGA**—Expanded into the former Piedmont Fabrics building on East Fields Street in Dallas after an extensive two-year search for a building. The facility will house the company's production and warehouse/distribution operations. IGA is a manufacturer of insulated glass as well as a flat glass wholesaler/distributor. A computerized tempering furnace will be in operation at the Dallas facility. This furnace will allow production of heat strengthened glass as well as tempered glass which will improve IGA's regional market penetration and shortens their response times to customer's special need. IGA invested approximately \$3 million in land, building and equipment, and employs 30 people.
- ◆ **WREN FLEX BUILDING**—A 27,000 square-foot facility in Gaston Business Park in Gastonia, Wren Flex Building, has been completed and will be available for occupancy in March. The facility is designed for single or multiple tenants needing office and warehouse space. Space will be available in increments of 3,000 square feet. Ceilings in the facility are 20' clear and there are seven dock high and two drive-in doors. Lease rates will range from \$6.50 to \$7.50 per square foot, NNN. Inquiries are welcome through the Gaston County Economic Development Commission at (704) 825-4026.