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Longtime Houston company moves into its new digs

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A third-generation Houston company has made its first move, from multiple buildings on Washington Avenue into space just outside the Loop, near Interstate 45.

The Detering Co., a building materials and supply company, has moved to 6800 Helmers Street. The move marked the company's first since opening as The Detering Co. in 1926. Prior to that, part of the property had been in the family since the 1880s when the family ran a general store and lived above it on the site.



The new warehouse is about 50 percent bigger than their former space on Washington,... more

The move was put together by Mike Boyd of Boyd Commercial/Corfac International in a two-year process that earned the broker a 2014 award from the Texas Association of Realtors for commercial transaction of the year. It involved selling off the former Washington Avenue site in three pieces, one tract to Sullivan Brothers Builders for townhomes that are currently underway, and the other two tracts to JLB Partners for a multifamily project.

The area has been transitioning rapidly from a primarily industrial area to a mix of residential and retail projects. Boyd was also involved in the recent \$40 million sale of the former Tarkett site to Gulf Coast Commercial Group, representing Tarkett.

The new space is larger by about 50 percent, according to Carlos Detering III. The main building is 107,000 square feet and includes warehouse space, a workshop, a showroom and office space. Another existing warehouse of approximately 20,000 square feet is also on the property.

"With the new space, my father (Carl Detering Jr.) set my sister and I up for the future," Detering said. "It's also an emphatic statement to the market that we're not just a mom-and-pop, we're a real competitor."

Houston-based Northwinds Construction was the general contractor on the project. The space completed in March and the company's grand opening was July 23.

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