



STERIS/IMS expands manufacturing operations in Birmingham

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – April 25, 2017 – STERIS/IMS recently announced a second expansion of its Birmingham operations, one that will create 22 more jobs with a capital investment of approximately \$1.6 million. This latest expansion will help accelerate growth and bring the company's local employment to approximately 450 people in downtown Birmingham.

With its operational headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio, STERIS acquired Birmingham's Integrated Medical Services in 2014, and soon after located its global specialty services headquarters in Birmingham.

"We are again pleased to continue to invest within the City of Birmingham, with expanded capabilities to better serve our Customers," commented STERIS CEO Walt Rosebrough. "The City of Birmingham and Jefferson County are working hard to create an environment that is conducive to economic prosperity for its citizens and businesses. We would not have made the decision to make further investments within the City if we did not agree."

As part of the expansion, STERIS/IMS has leased a building at 3301 First Avenue North, adjacent to its Birmingham campus, to establish a manufacturing and repair center with distribution and related support functions for medical devices, sterile surgical packs, gowns, drapes and related accessories.

STERIS/IMS worked with the Birmingham Industrial Development Board and the Birmingham Business Alliance to abate certain City of Birmingham and Jefferson County taxes.

"The City of Birmingham is excited to work with STERIS/IMS on another great project that will benefit Birmingham with good-paying jobs," said Birmingham Mayor William Bell. "More and more, health care companies like STERIS are finding that manufacturing and research and development intersect right here in Birmingham and the rewards are great for our community."

Jefferson County Commissioner David Carrington agreed.

“STERIS is a global health care company that has recognized Birmingham is key to its growth,” said Carrington. “We are happy to work with companies that see that potential and connect them with the trained workforce that will help realize that growth.”

When STERIS purchased IMS, the company committed to an \$8 million expansion that would bring 100 additional jobs to the area. STERIS has more than 12,000 employees worldwide.

“Medical devices and the industry that surrounds them are important components of Birmingham’s thriving life sciences industry,” said Dr. Ray Watts, president of the University of Alabama at Birmingham and the 2017 chairman of the BBA.

“STERIS/IMS is finding a well-trained workforce in Birmingham that is helping it accelerate growth and expand existing lines of business. Creating an environment for that to happen for all Birmingham area companies is a top priority for the BBA.”

STERIS is a leader in infection prevention, decontamination, gastrointestinal and procedural products and services. The Company has a unique mix of innovative capital equipment products, such as sterilizers and washers, surgical tables, lights and equipment management systems and connectivity solutions such as operating room integration. STERIS also offers consumable products such as detergents and gastrointestinal accessories and other products. Services include equipment installation and maintenance, microbial reduction of medical devices, instrument and scope repair solutions and laboratory services.

Its customers include health care providers, pharmaceutical companies, private and public research facilities and medical device companies.

The Birmingham Business Alliance is the lead economic development organization for the Birmingham region. For more information about the BBA visit its website at www.birminghambusinessalliance.com.

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