

Vandervert Erects Two New Buildings At The Park

Crown West Building



Chipman Moving & Storage Building



In above photo from left: Oliver Lawrence, property manager, Dean Stuart, director of marketing, Crown West Realty; Russ Page, architect; Joe Scribner, project superintendent, Vandervert Construction.



In above photo from left: Jeffery C. Burgin, vice president, Sam Thomas, controller, Chipman Moving & Storage; George Watson, architect, Lindquist Architects; Joe Scribner, project superintendent, Vandervert Construction.

Vandervert Construction, of Spokane, is completing two new buildings at the Spokane Business and Industrial Park (The Park). Crown West Realty, owners and managers of The Park, is in the final phase of construction of a new 81,322 square foot high-bay warehouse and distribution facility. In addition, the company has recently leased approximately 50,000 square feet of space to Vehrs, Inc., a regional wine distributor. Finally, approximately 10 acres of land have been sold to Chipman Moving and Storage, Hawley Properties and Agbar Technologies, Inc.

“Activity at The Park is a strong economic indicator for the region”, said Dean Stuart, Director of Marketing for Crown West Realty. “The recent growth of The Park reflects a positive momentum for our economy in contrast to all of the negative news we have heard recently. There is demand for new, build-to-suit space and there are companies in a position to acquire land and relocate,” continued Stuart.

The new building at The Park will be the fourth of its kind. Tenants such as Agilent Technologies, AT&T, and MOR Furniture occupy the first three.

The new building features 30-foot ceilings, 32 dock-high doors, ample parking and an expanded turning radius for semi-trucks. Crown West is in negotiations with several large users who could occupy up to 100 percent of the newest building.

The new facility leased by Vehrs, Inc. will allow the wine distributor to expand and centralize all of its business activity under one roof. Vehrs will start operations at the new location September 16.

“We feel good about the position of our company right now,” said Tom

Murphy, president of Vehrs. “As a distributor, we were of course affected by last year’s economic downturn, but our sales are up over last year. This new property was competitively priced and Crown West was extraordinarily receptive and responsive to modifying the building to suit our expansion.”

Chipman Moving and Storage, recent winners of an Agora Award for Entrepreneurial Spirit, plans to move into their new building at The Park in September as well.

“We’ve outgrown our old facility, so this is an opportune time for us to move,” said Linda Burgin, president of Chipman. “One of our challenges in the moving business is that we trail the economy by several months, but we’re hanging in there and are excited for our new property. It will be like a paradise – including side docks and computer access for truck drivers, as well as easy access to the freeway, the mall and hotels,” continued Burgin.

Finally, Agbar Technologies, Inc., recently awarded the state emissions contract, has relocated the Emissions Inspection Station from the Sprague I-90 interchange to 16309 East Marietta in The Park.

Crown West Realty, one of the largest holders of industrial and commercial real estate in the Pacific Northwest, currently owns and manages the 4.5 million square foot Spokane Business and Industrial Park on North Sullivan Road. With properties in Spokane, Wash., Phoenix, Ariz., and Charlotte, N.C. Crown West Realty is a fully integrated commercial real estate investment, development and management company. Parties interested in leasing information should contact Dean Stuart at 924 – 1720.