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Central Pipe & Supply relocating to Fulton Industrial



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Central Pipe & Supply is relocating its Doraville, Ga., headquarters.

The company has decided to expand into a more than 194,000-square-foot building in the Fulton Industrial District. It recently bought the former **Printpack Inc.** headquarters building for an undisclosed price.

Central Pipe & Supply had been growing incrementally for years in Doraville, where it leased about 90,000 square feet. But, business has increased over the past two years as construction on new apartment buildings picked up.

Central Pipe & Supply helps distribute products that make up indoor sprinkler systems in new apartments, along with similar systems in industrial and office buildings.

The company has expanded to more than 100 employees to become one of the Southeast's largest independent suppliers for the fire protection market.

Central Pipe & Supply bought the 194,991-square-foot- former Printpack headquarters building at 4335 Wendell Drive. Central Pipe & Supply has been leasing space in Doraville at 4164 Northeast Expressway for more than a decade.

The decision to buy the Fulton Industrial building for its new headquarters was based on "sound economics," as prices and interest rates remain "at an all-time low," said Steve Sheppard, Central Pipe & Supply founder and owner.

Ed Riggins, with Cresa Atlanta, represented the company in the real estate transaction.

The relocation gives a boost to Fulton Industrial.

Two years ago, owners willing to tax themselves to finance needed improvements formed the Fulton Industrial Boulevard Community Improvement District (CID) — an area that once served as the largest warehousing and distribution corridor east of the Mississippi River.

The CID nearly doubled its size last fall.

“Central Pipe & Supply’s purchase of this facility and relocation of its business validates Fulton Industrial as a leading industrial submarket in metro Atlanta,” said Tom Flanigan of Clarion Partners.

Flanigan, who chairs the Fulton Industrial CID board, said Central Pipe & Supply proves revitalization efforts on the Boulevard are working.

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