

Three Piedmont Centre projects under construction

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HIGH POINT — Construction is picking up at High Point's largest hub of business activity.

Projects are underway that will create new or expanded facilities in Piedmont Centre for three companies — Creative Snacks, Simpson Strong-Tie and Fastenal.

The business park in north High Point is home to more than 170 companies and 11,000 employees.

“To have three major facilities under construction in High Point at the same time — and in such proximity to one another — is impressive,” said High Point Economic Development Corp. President Loren Hill. “Creative Snacks, Fastenal and Simpson Strong-Tie will soon get much-needed new or expansion space.”

Creative Snacks is building a 92,130-square-foot facility that will add 100 jobs at 4165 Mendenhall Oaks Parkway.

The \$3 million plant will be the second location for the company, which is based on Burgess Road in Greensboro near Piedmont Triad International Airport.

The company makes healthy snack foods that are distributed at more than 6,000 retail locations across the country.

The company will make snacks at the High Point location and distribute those products.

Commercial real estate firm Liberty Property Trust is building a 140,000-square-foot facility at 4485 Premier Drive.

Simpson Strong-Tie, which makes connecting devices used in building construction, will move from a smaller location nearby and occupy 80,000 square feet of distribution space at the new facility.

The remaining 60,000 square feet of the new building will be available for another tenant. Hill said the EDC has been marketing the space to clients.

Fastenal, a distributor of industrial and construction supplies, is adding 40 jobs at its distribution center at 4110 Premier Drive, which it plans to enlarge by 120,000 square feet over the next few years.

Hill said manufacturing and distribution companies in Piedmont Centre continue to thrive for several reasons, including its proximity to interstate highways.

“It is in the middle of the Piedmont Triad, the center of our regional workforce, and close to our airport,” he said.