
Davis Furniture expanding, adding jobs

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HIGH POINT — Davis Furniture plans to add up to 20 jobs as part of an ongoing expansion that will increase its manufacturing capacity 30 percent.

The company has added about 30 jobs over the past three years as its contract furniture business — serving clients in the corporate, education, health care and hospitality markets — has grown.

Its workforce now stands at 205 employees at seven plants in south High Point.

“We also recently returned from our large trade show in Chicago, NeoCon, where our newest products won five awards,” said Advertising Director Ashley Davis Williams. “We are so pleased to

have come home from the commercial interiors industry’s most important annual event with three best of NeoCon awards this year.”

The family-owned company, founded in 1944, gears the furniture it makes to the needs of clients’ work environments.

Davis Furniture has been working for the past few months on renovating and refurbishing an existing plant to allow for more space for personnel and manufacturing capacity.

“This was a space that had been closed since the downturn in 2009,” Williams said. “We were finally able to get that one back up and running and able to do some seating upholstery work in there, and also increase our finishing capabilities

in there.”

The company also built an addition that houses a powder coating facility for its furniture.

Another plant will be renovated over the next few months to create additional production space.

Many of the new positions related to the expansion involve highly skilled furniture craftsmen that can be difficult to find.

“It’s a lot of upholsterers and sewers — kind of that old-school trade,” Williams said. “We’ve been training internally for some people, and we’ve been fortunate that we’ve been able to pick up some good, skilled people.”

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