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MYR Group Opens New Facility For Centralized Fleet Operations

In October 2013, MYR Group relocated its centralized fleet division to a newly remodeled and expanded facility located about 17 miles south of Indianapolis, in Bargersville, Indiana.

The new facility boasts 32,000 square feet of shop space on 22 acres of land with four additional buildings which equate to an additional 40,000 square feet of storage. The new shop has seven service bays, each equipped with two overhead cranes that can handle three ongoing projects at any given time.

“Our new Bargersville location will greatly increase our abilities to simultaneously handle large equipment rebuilds, major repairs, equipment up fittings and the development of new equipment,” said Ray Holland, Vice President of MYR Group’s fleet division. “Our old facility consisted of 13,000 square feet, only two overhead cranes and

little to no storage capabilities, which meant we often had to store and repair unused or damaged equipment at our various district locations throughout the country,” Holland added.

MYR Group’s fleet operations consist of a centralized fleet division that handles all equipment needs and repairs for MYR Group’s nationwide operations, and repair and maintenance shops at district locations throughout the country. The district locations primarily serve the fleet requirements for their respective district/region.

Storing and repairing equipment at district shops throughout the country was sometimes problematic, as districts had to prioritize equipment repair and maintenance for their district/region’s needs.

“We now have plenty of room to grow, as well as the ability to handle new developments, repairs and storage requirements for the majority of our transmission and distribution equipment in a single, centralized location,” said Mark Enos, Manager of Fleet Purchasing.

“Not only will this increased capacity allow for improved equipment utilization due to an ability to return units to service faster than ever before, it will also help us to maintain significantly higher levels of control in terms of equipment management and dispatching. In addition to managing the completion of repairs of large equipment at various district locations, we also had to outsource a higher level of repairs, rebuilds and new builds, simply due to our limited capacity. We anticipate that maintaining these greater levels of control will translate to maximized productivity, efficiency and cost benefits for clients,” Enos added.



Facility employees and members of MYR Group’s executive management team gather in front of the new location.



Facility employees have plenty of room to move in their new 32,000 square feet of shop space on 22 acres of land

Stringing block repair operations are in the process of moving to the new facility, which were previously handled at a specialized facility in Houston, Texas. The new facility also creates an environment that will enhance innovation and creativity for MYR Group's continued development of next-generation equipment. "Our new shop simply offers much more room to move around and to increase our turnaround. We can also designate dedicated areas for different work functions. We now have a 4,200 square foot isolated welding area," said Holland.



A crane truck being serviced in one of the new facility's large bays.

As these improved capacities greatly enhance MYR Group's centralized fleet division's ability to better serve the Company's nationwide fleet requirements, it also demonstrates MYR Group's commitment to continuous improvement in all areas of the organization.

"We are excited about what we believe the future holds for MYR Group, in terms of additional opportunities to successfully win and execute large projects throughout the U.S.," said Bill Koertner, President and CEO of MYR Group. "I am proud of our consistent efforts to align our operational and business practices with our long-term strategy of continued growth," Koertner added.



L to R: Ray Holland, Vice President of Fleet for MYR Group, Bill Koertner, President and CEO of MYR Group and Shaun Smith, Indianapolis shop supervisor

An open house event was held on Friday, October 18 and local city officials, key vendors, guests and members of MYR Group's senior management team were in attendance to tour the new facility and learn more about its enhanced capabilities for better serving the nationwide fleet requirements of clients.



Open house attendees tour the new facility.

"This facility sat vacant for nearly a year, so we are pleased to see MYR Group enter and support our local community," said Kevin McGiniss, Bargsville's Town Manager.

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