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Universal Metrics plans to expand with new building in Richfield

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Universal Metrics Inc., a growing metal fabricator and fastener distributor in Menomonee Falls, will expand with its recent purchase of a nearly 40,000-square-foot building in Richfield.

The addition of the former structural-steel factory near Highways 41 and 145 will give Universal Metrics a total of 130,000 square feet in three plants, owner and president Steven Krueger said Friday.

He said the company will move its basic metal shearing and cutting operations to the Richfield building early next year.

"We've kind of outgrown our existing manufacturing facility here in Menomonee Falls," he said. Universal Metrics also has a plant in Sussex.

The firm makes parts for customers in industries such as medical equipment and mining, and is a distributor of metric nuts and bolts. Annual sales total about \$10 million, Krueger said, and have risen sharply.

"This year we've been up about 40% and last year we were up about 20%," he said. He said Universal Metrics employs 61 people, and that he hopes to raise that to about 70 by the middle of 2012.



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