

Henningsen Cold Storage Co.

One of the largest and oldest public refrigerated warehousing companies in North America, Henningsen Cold Storage Co. first established a toehold in Forest Grove in the 1970s. Already offering cold storage for 50 years in the greater Portland area, the company first rented space in the city in 1973 to serve the warehousing and distribution needs of the rapidly growing fruit and vegetable industry in Oregon's fertile Willamette and Tualatin Valleys.

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Two years later, with demand continuing to grow, Henningsen built its own facility on 24th Avenue, which has since quadrupled in size. In November of 2006, the company again expanded, purchasing an adjacent 9-acre industrial property with additional warehouse and office space and room for expansion. Henningsen now has nearly 50 acres of rail-served industrial property in Forest Grove.

While still serving local production warehousing needs, its local site today serves as a consolidation point for many products produced outside the region that are destined for export shipments or distribution to major cities in the Pacific Northwest.

Michael Henningsen, Jr., company Chairman and President and great-grandson of the company's founder, gives partial credit for Henningsen's success to Forest Grove's "business-friendly community." The city "boasts some of the region's lowest operating costs (including power and other utilities) as well as an ample skilled labor force," he notes.

Combined with the community's renewed focus on attracting new business, including new tax incentives, and an expanding housing market, "this makes a very attractive package for companies wanting to locate and operate in a smaller community, and still have all the benefits associated with a metropolitan area like Portland-Vancouver," says Executive Vice President Tony Lucarelli.

Henningsen continues to feel bullish about its future in Forest Grove. The company's future plans are to develop its remaining vacant land into an industrial park, ultimately offering more than 1 million square feet of dry and temperature-controlled warehouse space. It envisions its new 9-acre Yew Street property as an ideal place for light manufacturing, packaging, distribution, or call center activities for local, regional, national and international companies.

"We see tremendous promise in Forest Grove," says Henningsen. "This is a great place to do business."



At a Glance

Henningsen Cold Storage Co. is an industry leader in providing quality multi-temperature storage and logistic services to customers across the U.S. With more than 37 million cubic feet of frozen and refrigerated space in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, North Dakota, Pennsylvania and Oklahoma, the company offers specialized services such as blast and room freezing, specialized product handling, cross docking, transloading, import/export services, shipment consolidation, load pooling, and physical distribution.

Henningsen is also one of "Oregon's 100 Best Companies to Work For"— a ranking determined, in part, by employee surveys, and published annually in *Oregon Business Magazine*.

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