

Invisible Technologies moving to Fort Wayne

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A manufacturer of electronic fences and other pet products will relocate from Garrett to Fort Wayne in late 2006.

Invisible Technologies Inc. announced plans last week to move into a 65,000 square-foot facility it will renovate at 5620 Industrial Road.

The company currently employs 150 people, 65 fewer than in mid-2004, when it decided to begin outsourcing its manufacturing work to Asia.

The new facility in Fort Wayne will house all sales, marketing product develop-

ment, customer support, distribution and administrative staff.

"Our Fort Wayne headquarters will be a much improved, much more modern working environment for all of our employees," CEO Rick Frank said in the announcement of the move. "Just as important, it will enable us to develop a more efficient distribution process to serve our customers."

The company will receive a performance-based grant of \$125,000 over a three-year period if it achieves payroll and employment targets. Tax abatements also will be considered for real and personal property improvements.

Real estate brokerage BND Commercial, building owner Tippman & Dumas LLC and architectural firm Sherbondy Associates were involved in the planning process.

Invisible Technologies manufactures pet safety and training products under the Invisible Fence and Innotek brands. It is a combination of Innotek Inc., founded in 1989 in Fort Wayne, and Invisible Fence Inc., a Pennsylvania company founded in 1973.

Current owner Kohlberg & Co. LLC, of Mount Kisco, N.Y., acquired Innotek in 2000 and Invisible Fence, which it relocated to Garrett, in 2001.