



## Celgard Announces Grand Opening of Concord Facility



Celgard, LLC, a major supplier of microporous separators used in the lithium-ion battery industry, has announced a Grand Opening ceremony for their Concord, NC-based expansion building in the International Business Park. Slated for July 25th, the event will herald an increase of its prosperous growth in the electric drive vehicle (EDV) market. Currently, Celgard also maintains a strong presence in the microporous separator markets which affect digital cameras, laptop computers and cell phones. Celgard's updated presence in the International Business Park is expected to create more than 200 new jobs. The additional jobs are expected to be created by a combination of both the expansion in Charlotte and the new facility in Concord. A majority of jobs will be in Concord, but not all.

The expanded facility, encompassing more than 150,000 square-feet and 20 acres, was announced when company leaders held a ground breaking ceremony on September 2nd, 2010. Present that day were N.C. Congressman Larry Kissell, N.C. Commerce Secretary Keith Crisco, Dale Carroll, Deputy Secretary of the N.C. Department of Commerce, U.S. DOE Supervisor of Vehicle Technology Programs, Edwin Owens, Concord Mayor Scott Padgett, Cabarrus County Commissioner Grace Mynatt, Celgard President Mitch Pulwer and Polypore International President Robert Toth. Polypore International is Celgard's parent company. Celgard's Charlotte headquarters was also experiencing an expansion, at that same time, as well.

This Grand Opening represents a year of hard work and planning, as Celgard increases its presence within the Charlotte area. Worldwide, the company employs over 700 people, with about 500 located in North Carolina. The company is represented with sales, technical service and worldwide business support facilities in Korea, Japan, China and France. In early April of last year, President Barack Obama toured the Charlotte facility and delivered remarks in a town-hall meeting setting. Topics discussed ranged from job creation and growth to energy policies and healthcare.

"We are excited about our expansion efforts and the folks we've hired in the past year or so for the Concord and Charlotte facilities," stated Celgard President, Mitch Pulwer. "Celgard and

Polypore are truly global, but we feel right at home in the Charlotte-Concord corridor. Celgard looks forward to serving the electric drive vehicle (EDV) market from both of these facilities,” he added.

## North Carolina Department of Commerce Designates Certified Site Status to International Business Park Lots 7, 8 and 9



Lots 7, 8 and 9 of the International Business Park have now received “Certified Site” status, according to the North Carolina Department of Commerce. The N.C. Department of Commerce steering committee met and approved the 30.6-acre tracts during a June 22nd meeting. In order to meet the Certified Site status, the lots had to undergo a rigorous pre-qualification procedure which takes into account the reduction of risk associated with development related to factors such as price, availability, existing utilities, access, environmental concerns and potential site development costs.

The certificates were signed by the North Carolina Secretary of Commerce, J. Keith Crisco.

International Business Park Lots 7, 8 and 9 Marketing Report on [EDIS](#):

For more information on the North Carolina Certified Sites Program, please click [here](#).

## 4541 Enterprise Drive Facility Continues Progress



Grading is nearing completion at the new 4541 Enterprise Drive facility, a speculative building with the possibility to expand to more than 140,000-square feet. To see the plan for the facility, and its surrounding land, click [here](#). For both international and domestic firms eager to develop a Charlotte-based presence, or expanding businesses who already call this dynamic and diversified region home, [4541 Enterprise Drive](#) is the address that offers a strategic location and superb design flexibility.

The new class “A” industrial building will have more than 88,000-square feet of available space for lease. Companies looking to grow in this thriving region can request build-to-suit office space.

R&D, manufacturing or distribution companies with shipping needs can lease space with a variety of dock door configurations, and expanded parking facilities are also available. As few as four or as many as sixteen side-loading dock doors are available to companies occupying the space.

Concord, NC is a growing area, with a 41 percent population increase in the past 10 years. Cabarrus County’s population has increased more than 36 percent, according to the most recent U.S. Census figures.

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## International Business Park Residents in the News...

- **Connexions, Inc.**, the leader in technology-enabled health insurance distribution solutions, has announced the development of a fifth location in Charlotte, NC. The move is expected to bring 800 jobs to the Charlotte market and an additional 400 jobs to their location in the Concord-based International Business Park.
- **Owens Corning**, a leading producer of residential and commercial building materials, recently released their fifth-annual Sustainability Report, outlining key environmental impact reduction programs undertaken by the company. In 2010, Owens Corning was named one of the “100 Best Corporate Citizens” by *Corporate Responsibility Magazine*, in recognition of their efforts of continued environmental stewardship.
- **Sysco Corporation**, the global leader in selling, marketing and distributing food products, recently acquired Goldberg & Solovy Foods, Inc.—one of Southern California’s largest food distributors.

## International Business Park Tenant “Fun Fact”

Did you know that **Bonitz**, a construction company specializing in flooring, contracting and retail groups, has been in existence under the same management since 1954? Now, the company belongs to the employees as part of an innovative employee-ownership agreement. Read about their story [here](#).