

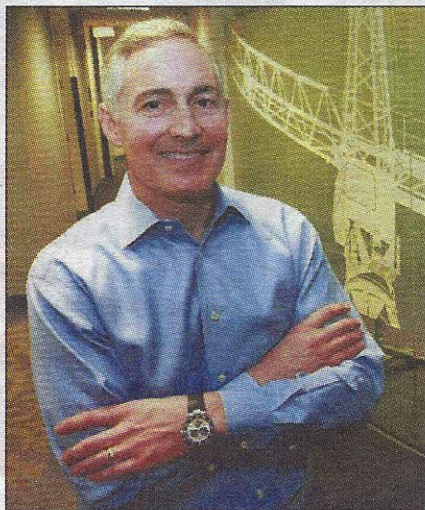


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Greg Werner is vice president of Mortenson Construction in Elk Grove Village.

technologies and techniques."

Mortenson, which also recently won the contract to build the new Minnesota multipurpose stadium that will be home to the Minnesota Vikings, has built more than 100 sports and event centers totaling more than \$4 billion.

Sports is just one aspect for the growing company that employs 2,100 employees across the country and 175 locally. Werner said the market has been difficult with the recession, yet they have continued to grow.

"One thing we have done from a strategy standpoint is focus on health care construction. We have built some hospitals and that has helped to bridge the gap," Werner said, adding that they recently completed the new Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago, a \$632 million project. The other area of growth has been "mission critical facilities" that include call and data centers, he said.

Other high-profile projects include major renovations of the library and McAninch Arts Center at the College of DuPage, a \$69 million project and upcoming construction at Harper College's student center.

The construction management company has seen continuous growth over the years since it started in Minneapolis in 1954. Offices have been added in Denver, Seattle, Milwaukee and Phoenix in addition to Elk Grove.

Werner, who has been with the company for 23 years, launched the local operation. "We started from scratch," with about seven employees here," said Werner, 46. During the first year, the Elk Grove office did about \$10 million in work. The Barrington resident said that number is up to nearly \$350 million.

"We are known in the marketplace as a sophisticated construction company," he said.

Moving in

Pancor Construction & Development leased the entire seventh floor, nearly 30,000 square feet, at its building — the Oakbrook Terrace Corporate Center, 1901 Meyers Road in Oakbrook Terrace.

Pancor reports that vAuto, a subsidiary of Atlanta-based Auto Trader Group Inc., is moving in on Aug. 13. VAuto currently operates on Camden Court in Oak Brook.

The corporate center will then be 93 percent leased.

Expansion plans

In September, **AmCheck** will expand its operations and move to a new facility in Schaumburg.

To accommodate growth, the company is relocating to the Schaumburg

Corporate Center, 1475 E. Woodfield Road.

AmCheck, locally owned and operated in Schaumburg, provides payroll, HR and benefit administration.

Cheers

Mickey Finn's Brewery in downtown Libertyville recently produced its 2,000th batch of its handcrafted microbrew from its on-premises brewery run by Brewmaster Greg Browne.

In 19 years, Lake County's largest microbrewery has served a lot of beer — about 5 million pints.

The brew pub, now at 412 N. Milwaukee Ave. will be moving down the street to a larger quarters at 345 N. Milwaukee Ave. later this fall, says owner Brian Grano.

Construction zone

DynaCom Management Inc. is preparing to begin construction this fall of its newest development, the **iMed Campus**.

The campus will be 72,000 square feet of medical and professional offices at 75th Street Medical corridor in Naperville. The building will offer custom designed office suites up to 18,000 square feet per floor with occupancy in the fall of 2014.

The new campus will be a prairie style four-story building. The 12-acre development features five acres devoted to walking trails and a lake.

DynaCom, privately owned by Ali and Mina Setork, is located in Warrenville.

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