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DoD contracts enable Bradford County company to double workforce

With an increase in U.S. Department of Defense contracts, a precision engineering and machining company in Canton, Bradford County, is expecting to double its workforce in the next two to three months, its owner said.

RSJ Technologies currently employs 18 people and operates two shifts, five days a week, manufacturing various components for the Department of Defense and other clients in the medical, solar, aerospace and fiber optics industries.

Before buying RSJ Technologies, Gary W. Jolly served as a U.S. Navy Nuclear Submarine Engineering Watch Supervisor for eight years; earned an engineering degree from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell and an MBA in international finance, and headed two international companies as president and CEO.

In 2006, Jolly retired. However, his retirement didn't last long and in less than a year he found himself searching for new things to do.



Gary Jolly shows a part his company manufactures for use on aircraft carriers.

Even though it was probably more his choice to return to work, Jolly jokes that it was his wife who insisted he look for something to do.

With his extensive engineering and finance background, Jolly was sure he would find something that would be a perfect fit. Then, in late 2008, Jolly purchased the precision machining company, a business in an industry with which he said he had "zero" prior experience.

With the downturn in the economy in 2008, business became more difficult. However, Jolly said it was his company's dedication to quality and service that helped it survive.

RSJ Technologies manufactures many different parts for the Department of Defense ranging

from large fasteners used on aircraft carriers to specially-designed and milled screws used to mount night vision goggles on soldiers' helmets.

In many of the designs, tolerances are critical and Jolly said their specifications are within one-half of a ten-thousandth of an inch.

Since he took over, RSJ Technologies has earned its ISO 9001:2008 and AS9100 certifications for quality management in aviation, space and defense contracting.

Jolly received assistance from the Northeastern Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Center toward achieving his company's AS9100 certification and in maintaining the ISO 9100:2008 status through Internal Auditor Training for RSJ's employees. NEPIRC is also providing Lead Generation Services to help with sales leads in new markets and additional leads in its current markets.

RSJ has also received assistance from the Central Bradford Progress Authority with equipment financing and workforce database access.

When RSJ Technologies hires its additional workforce, the company will begin operating three shifts, six days a week, and the possibility exists that with additional contracts in the future, RSJ may expand its manufacturing facilities in Canton, Jolly said.



Jacqueline Bristol, administrative assistant, examines screws being manufactured for military helmets with one of RSJ's machining operators.

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