

nanoGriptech to expand in the Lawrenceville Technology Center

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nanoGriptech, which makes a skin-gripping material called SetexGeckoGrip and GeckoTape, is expanding in the Chocolate Factory at the Lawrenceville Technology Center, according to an announcement by the Regional Industrial Development Corporation of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

RIDC reports the nearly 9-year-old company has signed a new five-year lease in which it will nearly double the size of its space to 12,681 square feet in the Lawrenceville facility, which formerly was the home of a local chocolate maker, Geoffrey Boehm.

nanoGriptech CEO Nicholas Kuhn noted the importance "the mixed office and manufacturing space the Chocolate Factory provides gives us a lot of flexibility for future growth, and not only allows us to keep all our operations in one place, but in a prime Pittsburgh location for tech."

The company's material has broad uses in a number of business sectors, such as semiconductors, in automotive, medical, parts handling and mounting. nanoGriptech's products are sold directly to consumers on e-commerce platforms, as well as through business-to-business, according to the announcement.

RIDC President Donald F. Smith Jr. noted how flexible office and manufacturing space is a "highly sought-after commodity by growing technology and innovative firms." He added that "providing those kinds of spaces, with flexible lease terms that allow for expansion, incentivizes local university spin-off companies commercializing their tech here, like nanoGriptech, to stay and continue to drive the region's economy and its position as one of the global leaders in innovation."

Along with nanoGriptech, the Chocolate Factory is also the home to other growing tech firms such as Helomics Corp. and HEBI Robotics.

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