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Equipment maker moves here

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An inking-equipment manufacturer and distributor has relocated its headquarters to Charlotte from the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., area and expects to have 14 employees here by year end.

Ink Solution makes an ink-refilling machine called Ink Revolution, and it also distributes a full line of ink supplies.

The company recently moved to 10,000 square feet at 9524 Hebron Commerce Drive, which also houses its training academy for entrepreneurs interested in getting started in the ink- and toner-cartridge business.

Charlotte's growing business reputation, quality of life and access to Charlotte/Douglas International Airport all contributed to the company's decision to move here, says Tiago Cavalcanti, Ink Solution chief financial officer.

Ink Solution is assisting two retailers with plans for stores in the Charlotte area. Both will offer products featuring recycled inkjet and toner cartridges, Cavalcanti says. The retailers haven't been identified.

John Phillips of Whiteside Industrial Properties handled lease negotiations for Ink Solution's local space.

Kati Hynes of the Charlotte Chamber assisted with the relocation.

[Home-decorating school relocates](#)

Custom Home Furnishings Academy has moved here from Swannanoa, leasing 10,000 square feet in South Point Business Park.

Custom Home Furnishings, which has about eight employees, had been in temporary local space before selecting a permanent site at 13900 S. Lakes Drive.

The academy offers training to prospective decorators in window treatments, bed coverings, slipcovers, upholstery, installation and design, among other specialties.

Custom Home Furnishings was founded 10 years ago by Cheryl Strickland and was purchased in 2005 by Margie and Andy Nance.

Charlotte's growth and proximity to a major airport contributed to the academy's decision to relocate, Andy Nance says.

Scott Hensley of Piedmont Properties represented Custom Home Furnishings in lease negotiations. Keith Bell of Colliers Pinkard represented the landlord, AMB Properties Corp.

Kati Hynes of the Charlotte Chamber assisted Custom Home Furnishings in the relocation.