

Company: Henderson 'Quality' place to do business

QCI makes jump from Calif. coast

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Since much of its business deals with importing goods from the Pacific Rim, proximity to California port cities such as Los Angeles and Long Beach seemed sensible. For Pennsylvania-based Quality Corrections & Inspections, opening a West Coast office was prudent. But where?

Enter Henderson, or, more correctly, representatives from the city's Economic Development Division.

"The Henderson Economic Development Authority really helps you... they want businesses to succeed and grow," said Randy Burk, executive vice president of Quality Corrections & Inspections. "The Henderson Economic Development Authority has been a valuable asset in helping us reach our goals. QCI's success is a strong testament to the power of operating a business in the Henderson area. We feel a great sense of pride in being a part of this region's continued commerce growth."

Based in a 40,000-square-foot production center at 882 American Pacific Drive in the Black Mountain Business Park, QCI provides third-party repair, inspections, fulfillment and labor outsourcing services for businesses dealing with quality control and assurance needs. QCI employs 70 people and works with a wide range of companies, from Nordstrom's to Wal-Mart.

Designs on anchoring in California, specifically Ontario, were scrapped once Burk realized doing business in the Golden State was cost prohibitive. So Henderson it was: Just hours away from the port and business-friendly. Burk's been smiling since relocating the company last December.



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"The first year has been excellent," Burk said. "We've exceeded expectations and been able to grow the business with our importers. Not only have we been able to increase our global import client business, as they require our repair and inspections services for defective merchandise to come in through West Coast, we have also partnered with several local corporations such as Ocean Spray and Levi's, offering our labor-outsourcing services for their packaging requirements."

Burk heaps special praise on Henderson's quality of life (a nice environment) and those economic development folks (manager Bob Cooper and Jeff Leake) for staying in touch, and apprising him of new opportunities and potential clients.

"We believe there are substantial growth opportunities here in the future

with other global prospects, local manufacturing and distribution companies as well as with the gaming industry," Burk said. If QCI's success continues, the company will have to deal with growth sooner than later."

Said Burk: "We're bursting at the seams in this facility."



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