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Mission Glass finds new Tumwater home

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Jeff Nickel is in the middle of doing something huge: Moving his company, Mission Glass, from a 12,000 square-foot facility to a 75,000-square-foot facility located in Tumwater (1019 85th Ave. SE).

The company officially moved at the beginning of September, but there's still a lot of work to do, Nickel said.

"There's stuff all over the place," he said over the phone, yawning after a long day of moving.

The deal for the new building was a matter of wonderful timing, Nickel said. Mission Glass was growing, its market was booming and a property became available at the right time, he said.

Now Mission Glass hopes to use the extra capacity to take advantage of the booming market in Seattle. Specifically, Nickel hopes to jump into the pre-fabricated unitized glass market, something that the new facility is equipped to handle.

"Contractors are leaning toward a prefabricated system that allows you to get the enclosure in place at a relatively accelerated pace," he explained. "You have to large facilities, you have to literally have a whole building sitting on the floor ready to go. That takes an incredibly large amount of space."

In addition, Nickel believes Mission Glass can break into the commercial market, whereas before the company has relied on public works projects. He expects the new facility to generate at least 15 percent growth over the next couple of years.