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National Firm that serves NASA opens in Brockton



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BROCKTON — A national architectural engineering and planning firm whose clients include NASA and the Department

of Defense officially opens its new office in Brockton today.

RS&H, headquartered in Jacksonville, Fla., chose the Route 123 location near the Easton line for its convenient



access to major highway routes and nearby businesses, said John E. Gerrish, program leader for the Boston unit of the company's aerospace and defense program.

"Brockton has everything we

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need,” said Gerrish, a Whitman native and Cardinal Spellman High School graduate who will manage the Brockton office.

The Brockton office has eight employees, comprised primarily of engineers and architects, and expects to expand to 16 employees by the end of the year, Gerrish said.

The office will primarily serve the company’s principal aerospace client, NASA, by providing electrical expertise to support NASA’s Aries 1 space-vehicle mobile launcher, he said.

Aries 1 is the next generation space vehicle that is part of the constellation program, which is replacing the shuttle program.

RS&H chose the 1324 Belmont St. location from 17 other potential sites across the region, Gerrish said.

Mayor Linda Balzotti called RS&H’s move into Brockton “very exciting.”

“It’s always encouraging and it’s always wonderful

when a new business locates in the city, in particular when one has such a specific and unique trade,” Balzotti said Tuesday. “It’s just one more wonderful thing for the city to be proud of.”

According to the company, the office will also serve the:

Department of Defense by providing structural and mechanical engineering to global military installations.

Bridgewater State College by designing an electrical system upgrade for the college.

Army Corps of Engineers by making improvements to its access control point at sites across the country, including the Soldier Systems Center in Natick.

Massachusetts highway department by providing transportation engineering services.

RS&H has more than 850 employees in 31 offices nationwide, including in North Carolina, Florida and Texas, Gerrish said.

The company has served NASA since the Apollo project in the 1960s. The

company has provided design and engineering services for the launch facilities at Kennedy Space Center, and most recently designed an emergency egress system for the Aries 1 space vehicle.

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