

BioBased Technologies relocates lab to Northwest Georgia

BioBased Technologies LLC has recently relocated its laboratory to Dalton, GA, USA. Ken Mitchell, BioBased Technologies' Chief Technical Officer, said the company opted to move its lab from Northwest Arkansas to Northwestern Georgia in order to be closer to a number of its customers.

“BioBased Technologies has always provided outstanding technical support to our customers,” said Mitchell. “This move will enable us to service their needs on an even timelier basis. In addition, this new location will allow us to get more immediate feedback from our customers while providing personalised technical support.” Mitchell will manage the Dalton facility.

Established in 2003, BioBased Technologies develops and markets products that reduce the use of non-renewable resources by integrating renewable ingredients. The company is headquartered in Springdale, AR, USA.

“We are excited that BioBased Technologies chose to locate in Whitfield County,” said Andrew Carnes, Vice President of Economic Development at the Greater Dalton Chamber of Commerce. “They are doing incredible work in the area of sustainability for their customers and it’s anticipated that this move will only increase their relationships with their customer base. They also bring a diverse industry to our community, which we welcome.”

The 7,500-square-foot laboratory will begin operation 15 April 2014. According to Mitchell, BioBased Technologies plans to add 15 – 20 jobs over the next couple of years in the Dalton facility. The jobs will include chemical engineers, chemists and lab technicians.

Mitchell has worked for BioBased Technologies for 13 months and has 25 years of experience in the polyurethane foam industry. Prior to joining BioBased Technologies, he was Vice President of Operations at **Tempur-Pedic**, where he worked for 13 years.

In 2005, BioBased Technologies' formulators created **Agrol**, a high bio-carbon content soy polyol that could replace some petroleum polyols. The Agrol product line is currently used in a variety of products including lubricants, building products, furniture, automotive, adhesives, carpet backings and industrial coatings.

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