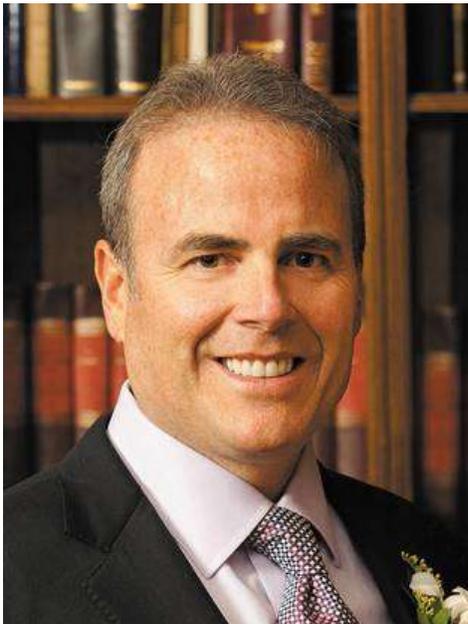


Why one Over-the-Rhine company moved back to the ‘burbs

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A general contractor that moved its operations to Over-the-Rhine more than three years ago recently relocated back to the suburbs.

Core Resources Inc., a construction management and development company, moved its headquarters back to Anderson Township. Paul Kitzmiller, CEO of Core Resources, said as the company’s focus has changed it was time for a move.



Paul Kitzmiller, president and CEO of Core Resources

“Strategically, it just makes sense,” Kitzmiller told me.

As the *Business Courier* reported last week, Four Entertainment Group moved into the 7,500-square-foot space vacated by Core Resources in the Paint Building at 1404 Vine St.

Core Resources had grown to be the 12th-largest general contractor in Greater Cincinnati with 2015 local billings of \$60 million. Kitzmiller said the company grew to a size he really wasn’t comfortable with and it was distracting from its development interests.

To focus on development, Core Resources downsized its construction department, reducing staff to 20 from 29, which led to surplus space. At the same time, 4EG, a longtime client of Core Resources, was looking to expand.

“It aligned and we took advantage of it,” Kitzmiller said.

The company has decided to focus on its development work, Kitzmiller said. Core Resources is developing stores for Family Dollar across Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan and West Virginia. The company expects to deliver 17 stores for the retailer this year.

As far as Core Resources’ third-party construction work, Kitzmiller said the company will be selective about projects it takes. It recently started construction on 4EG’s the Stretch at the Banks.

Core Resources, which relocated in June, owns the building it moved back to at 7795 Five Mile Road. When another tenant moved out, Core Resources had the space to move its operations back there.

Back when Core Resources was preparing to move to Over-the-Rhine, the *Business Courier* wrote about Core Resources' upcoming move to Over-the-Rhine. Less than four years ago, a company Core Resources' size was considered the largest for-profit business to move into Over-the-Rhine in recent memory. Since then, a number of businesses have followed Core Resources' lead.

Over-the-Rhine is now home to companies such as Rhinegeist and the Brandery, and Empower MediaMarketing Inc. is building its new headquarters at East 14th and Vine streets.

In the time Core Resources was located in Over-the-Rhine, the company worked on a number of downtown and OTR projects, including Washington Park, the Lackman, Pontiac BBQ, Transept, Cintrifuse, the Color Building, Kaze, Yoga Bar, Sundry and Vice, Low Spark, Lachey's, Boca, Sotto and Igbys.

“We’re very proud of what we were able to accomplish,” Kitzmiller said. “We felt as though we made a significant contribution.”