## Ohio company expands to Memphis, plans to hire 50

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A Kettering company is expanding its operations to Tennessee Crown Packaging Inc. has signed a **100,000-square-foot lease for an industrial site in Memphis**, according to the Memphis Daily News.

Through a spokesperson, Crown confirmed the report but declined to elaborate on what the space will be used for and if it was for a particular client. **The company does plan to hire 50 employees in Memphis**, bringing its total employment to about 400.

The new site will likely add a large volume client for Crown, which will bolster its Dayton-area headquarters and position the company for long-term growth.

Crown is a family-owned contract packaging company with \$25 million in annual revenue and about 250 local employees.

The company serves a variety of industries, including retail, but the auto industry is its sweet spot. Auto companies, for example, use Crown to bring in bulk inventory from suppliers. Crown breaks the shipments and puts items into individual packages and onto storage racks.

In addition to the main facility in Kettering, the company operates a Honda consolidation center in Troy and several other local sites.

Crown is led by Mike Palmer, who serves as president. It was part of another packaging company in the area, which split into two companies in the early 1980s.