

ML Fab Co, LLC Opens Fabrication Plant In Moses Lake

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Ralph Kincaid hands over the keys of the Pistoresi building to Glenn Allen



(From left to right) Aylmer Uypeckuat, Nancy Bjurstrom, Ralph Kincaid, and Kenn Daku listen as Glenn Allen explains the project to reporter Chaz Holmes

It only took 3 months for Glenn Allen, Managing Member of Advanced Glazing Systems LLC to find a suitable location for a new fabrication facility.

A shortage of affordable land and available buildings in the Seattle area led Allen over the Cascade Mountains to Moses Lake. Upon arrival, he met with Terry Brewer, Executive Director of the Grant County EDC and shortly afterwards acquired the 30,000 square foot Pistoresi building located on Wheeler Road.

“Moses Lake just made sense for us,” said Allen. “There is affordable land and buildings and a strong workforce. We saw how successful Genie was in moving operations to Moses Lake and we feel that we can be just as successful.”

The Moses Lake facility will be known as ML Fab Co, LLC, an affiliate of Advanced Glazing Systems LLC. The company will engineer, design, construct, and install fabricated glass systems for high rise buildings in the Seattle area.

Over \$2 million has already been invested in the Moses Lake facility for equipment and upgrades that are necessary for production to begin by late April.

“The machinery and equipment will start arriving the third week of March,” Allen explained. “We have two projects on the books for Seattle and we will be in full fabrication for those projects by May.”

The first of those two projects is the 8th and Olive building, which at 38 stories will be the tallest residential tower in Seattle. The second project is another 38 story building that will be constructed at the same time as the 8th and Olive. All of the outside glasswork for the two buildings will be made at the Moses Lake facility.

Glass, gaskets, and aluminum extrusions will enter the facility and workers will construct over 7,500 curtain wall units from those materials. The finished curtain walls will be shipped by truck to Seattle where another team will install them onto the building one floor at a time.

It will take 30 employees to run the Moses Lake facility, and production is booked for three years and beyond. “We offer very competitive wages and will start looking for workers in mid March,” said Allen. “\$12 an hour is the



The glasswork on 3 Bellvue, in Seattle Washington was done by Advanced Glazing Systems LLC

minimum starting wage and it goes up to \$20 an hour. On top of that we pay medical and dental for all our employees at no expense to them.”

Allen expressed interest in establishing a core of local suppliers for materials such as sheet metal and steel fabricated parts that are unique to each project. “If we are going to be in Moses Lake, we’ve got to be good corporate citizens,” he said. “That’s just the way we work.”

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