

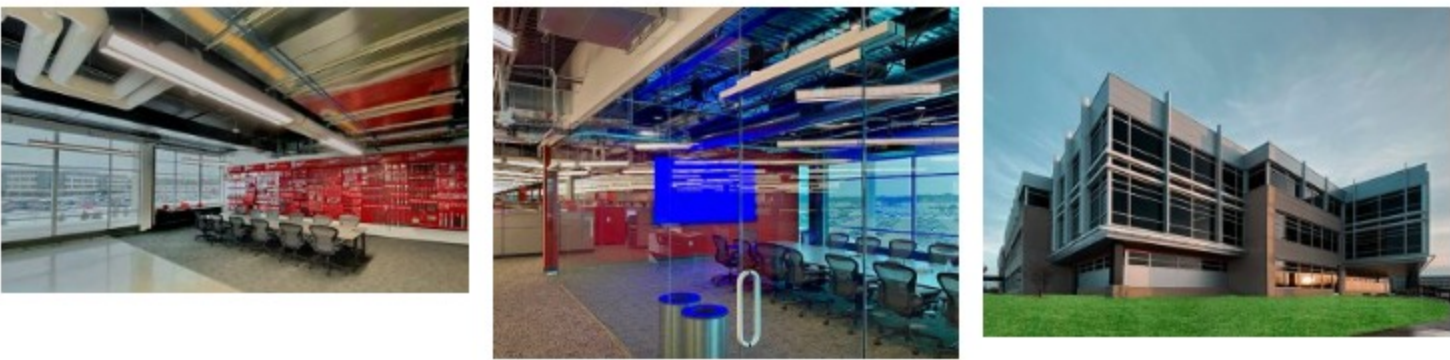
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Milwaukee Tool's research and development center addition to its Brookfield headquarters is another sign of the manufacturer's growth in Wisconsin.

The company, which employed just 300 workers in southeast Wisconsin in 2011, has added greatly to its workforce in the last decade. The new research and development center, which provides space for 300 employees, brought the company's workforce to about 1,400 in 2019.

Milwaukee Tool began work on its \$22 million headquarters expansion in fall 2018 and wrapped up in December 2019.

The company has since begun other large projects in the Milwaukee area, including a \$26 million manufacturing plant in West Bend, a \$7.5 million expansion for its subsidiary Imperial Blades and a \$100 million manufacturing campus in Menomonee Falls.

Crews led by general contractor Riley Construction, of Kenosha, were charged with building a 115,000-square-foot building that would be reminiscent of the company's existing headquarters — using precast, glass and metal panels for the exterior.

Stephen Perry Smith Architects, of Milwaukee, designed the project. GRAEF and GESTRA Engineering, both of Milwaukee, served as engineers.

Milwaukee Tool is now the largest employer in Brookfield. The city contributed \$3.5 million to the company's expansion, money that came in addition to various incentives from the state.

The first two floors of the three-story campus are dedicated to Milwaukee Tool's research and development operations, testing laboratories and prototyping. The third floor features offices designed with a modern, industrial look.

The third-story office is also insulated from noise and vibrations below with a soundproof ceiling above the research and development operations.

Milwaukee Tool Headquarters Expansion – Brookfield

- Location:** Brookfield, Wisconsin
- Project size:** 115,000 Square Feet
- Project cost:** \$22 Million
- Start date:** September 2018
- Completion date:** December 2019
- Nominator:** Riley Construction
- General Contractor:** Riley Construction
- Architect:** Stephen Perry Smith Architects
- Engineer:** GRAEF
- Engineer:** Gestra Engineering
- Owner:** Milwaukee Tool

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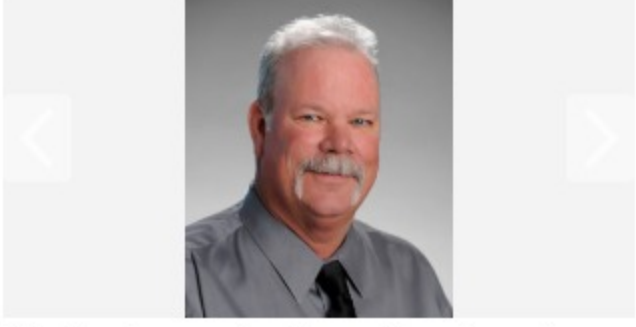
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