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# Yearbook firm starts on new plant

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**Herff Jones**, a yearbook publishing company, broke ground Monday on a \$23 million production facility in Edwardsville that will replace its 50-year-old plant in Mission.

Plant manager John McNown expects the Indianapolis-based company to double its local employment when the new plant is fully operational. The existing plant at 60th Street and Metcalf Avenue employs 110 to 185 people depending on the production schedule, he said. The firm produces yearbooks for schools in the Midwest, Nevada, New Mexico and California.

The 128,000-square-foot replacement plant is being built in the **MidPoint Corporate Centre**, a new industrial office park near Kansas



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32 and Interstate 435 in Edwardsville. The project was financed with industrial revenue bonds.

**Miller-Stauch Construction Co.** of Lenexa is managing the development and site planning process. **George Butler Associates** of Lenexa is the architect. Construction is expected to be completed by this fall.