

## **After receiving incentives, manufacturer plans to expand First Coast presence, add jobs**

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The St. Augustine-based wall and ceiling system manufacturer Rulon International, is planning on expanding its headquarters and adding new jobs.

Rulon will build a 26,559-square-foot warehouse addition to its headquarters, located at 2000 Ring Way Road, according to plans submitted to the St. Johns River Water Management District. It will also hire 20 employees at an average wage of \$40,500 in the next three years.

A \$129,238 incentives package for the expansion was approved by the St. Johns County Commission on April 17, the St. Augustine Record reported.

Those incentives include a grant of up to 100 percent of impact fees and water and sewer connection fees as well as four years ad valorem taxes paid on capital improvements and tangible personal property. Grant payments will begin in 2020.

The county estimates the incentives will result in an additional \$383,520 in its coffers over 20 years.

The warehouse is expected to be completed in the final quarter this year.

Rulon moved to St. Augustine in 2006. It employs 139 people at its facility.