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# South Carolina-based Zeus bringing 100 jobs to new Arden Hills catheter design, manufacturing plant



SMALL FILE — MAX. WIDTH FOR PRINT: 3 INCHES — The South Carolina-based company Zeus has announced plants to build a catheter manufacturing plant in Arden Hills. Zeus officials say they expect to create 100 jobs at the plant. (Courtesy of Zeus)



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Zeus, a South Carolina-based polymer company intent on growing its medical technology division, is expanding to Arden Hills with a boost from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development's Job Creation Fund.

The goal is to both invent and produce state-of-the-art vascular catheters in a redeveloped manufacturing facility slated to open its doors this summer. The Red Fox Road facility, custom-retrofit and spanning nearly 76,000 square feet, will include a research and design space and cleanroom aimed at designing, developing and testing new catheter prototypes.

Over the course of several years, the site is expected to employ more than 100 engineers, project managers, technicians and product builders, according to Zeus officials.

Founded 57 years ago, the company until now has been better known for its work with fiber optic cables, engineered plastics for the automotive industry and insulated wires used for the oil and energy industries. Zeus acquired CathX Medical of San Jose, Calif. in 2021 and then applied under that title to MN DEED's Job Creation Fund, which will award \$400,000 toward the \$5 million Arden Hills project.

Zeus officials said the Arden Hills site will bring the latest technology to bear in laser cutting and welding while strengthening the company's relationship to the medical device industry in Minnesota.

"The state has a long track record in medical device innovation, and locating closer to customers will support deeper collaboration across early-stage catheter design and development," said Steve Peterson, president and chief executive officer of Zeus, in a written statement.

Zeus, which employs 2,200 people, maintains corporate offices and manufacturing facilities in South Carolina, Ireland and China. The Arden Hills facility will be its 11th manufacturing location.

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