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The third business to break ground in the City of Burleson's HighPoint Business Park on Interstate 35W did so on Tuesday, Oct. 28. It's not a new name. Wagner-Smith Equipment Company has been a staple of Burleson (921 S. Burleson Blvd.) since 1990. The address is changing to 5701 HighPoint Pkwy.

Wagner-Smith Equipment sells, rents, and maintains conductor-stringing equipment, plus related supplies and accessories including stringing blocks, grips, hoists, hot arms, pumps and presses. Complementing the equipment line is a complete product line of lineman tools and accessories for sale. The company has full service facilities in Texas, Oregon, and Ohio as well as a manufacturing facility in Illinois. The plan for the new site at HighPoint is for a 58,400 square foot office and warehouse distribution facility on 20.40 acres of land. Construction should start before the end of this year. The new site will include manufacturing, distribution, rental and training facilities.

Wagner-Smith is the third business to set up shop at HighPoint Business Park, the City's focus area for new manufacturing jobs. The first property to be sold in HighPoint Business Park was purchased by Chicken E Food Service. After less than nine months from purchase of the property, that 100,000 square foot headquarters and distribution center is now open. They serve nearly 200 Chicken Express restaurants in a five-state area.

The second property was purchased by Stuart Industries. Construction is underway on a 37,000 square foot distribution center and warehouse. This company stores and ships aerospace parts to companies like Boeing, Lockheed and Northrop Grumman. The expected opening date for Stuart Industries is the first quarter 2015.

HighPoint Business Park is beginning Phase 2 of its development with the addition of 68 acres. In partnership with a private real estate group, the potential size of the business park has grown to 230 acres. Properties will be platted and zoned for ease of development and speed-to-market.