

Ometric's new location gives it room for growth

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Ometric, which began on the USC campus, has moved into larger quarters in the Fontaine Business Park off Interstate 20 just outside the Columbia city limits.

Eventually, the company hopes to move to Innovista, USC's new research campus.

The company outgrew its space at USC's NanoCenter, said Walter Alessandrini, chief executive officer.

"We are starting to receive customers, and obviously this is a great space," Alessandrini said, referring to the 20,000-square-foot facility that was home to Roche Biomedical Laboratories Inc.

The building has room for offices, laboratories, light manufacturing for the final assembly and testing of Ometric's products. There also is room for expansion, Alessandrini said.

Ometric employees recently were scrambling to get the building ready for a visit from one of the top pharmaceutical companies in the world, which the company declined to name.

"We hope to have the rest of the team in place in the next two weeks," said Jason Williamson, vice president of business operations and Ometric founder. The company expects to have about 30 employees by year's end.