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### **Kalamazoo-based Keystone Solutions expands in Grand Rapids**

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KALAMAZOO -- Kalamazoo-based Keystone Solutions Group is doubling in size thanks to demand from the medical device industry, the company announced Monday.

Keystone's manufacturing subsidiary has leased 9,000 square feet in Grand Rapids for new offices and warehouse and manufacturing space, it said in a written statement.

``With a new location in Grand Rapids, in addition to our facility in Kalamazoo, Keystone is better positioned to continue growing in the burgeoning medical device industry," Jim Medsker, principal of Keystone Solutions Group, said in the statement.

The company, which in July changed its name to Keystone from Alliant Engineering, performs manufacturing, assembly, packing and distribution of medical devices and supplies. It also serves the automotive and aerospace industries.

The company's 7,000 square foot facility on East ML Avenue in Kalamazoo employs about 15 workers in engineering and design work.

It will initially employ six workers in Grand Rapids, but expects, as it ramps up production, to employ 15 to 20 by next year, Medsker told the Gazette by phone.

In 2010, Medsker said, the company could have 30 to 40 workers in Grand Rapids. He declined to give a figure for Keystone's annual sales.

``We have a couple of sizable manufacturing contracts that we're working on that are in process," Medsker said.

Medsker said the company chose to expand in Grand Rapids because of activity in the life sciences industry there and because it received a good deal on its new facility.

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