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AEgis Technologies Group co-founders Steve Hill, left, and Bill Waite celebrate groundbreaking for a 50,000-square-foot headquarters in Cummings Research Park.

AEgis celebrates leap to next-level location

New headquarters will nearly double its existing space

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Bill Waite and Steve Hill started their company 20 years ago, working out of the basement of Waite's home with equipment they scraped together, including an \$80 dot-matrix printer they found through a newspaper ad.

On Friday, the co-founders of AEgis Technologies Group celebrated with employees and community business leaders to break ground for a new 50,000-square-foot headquarters in Cummings Research Park. The Huntsville-based defense con-

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tractor specializes in modeling, simulation and microsystems technologies.

"We believe that technology can make a difference in the world," said Waite, the company's president.

"We're looking to take the company to the next level and have fun doing it," said Hill, the CEO.

The company has grown from the two co-founders, who previously worked together before their employer closed its Huntsville office, to 175 employees in locations across nine states. Hill said AEgis could add up to 125 jobs by 2010.

AEgis has diversified its customer base over the years to include the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, FBI, CIA, NASA and municipal governments, Hill said.

The new building at 410 Jan Davis Drive off Old Madison Pike will feature a laboratory designed for nanoscale research and manufacturing, a conference room that accommodates 100 people, "collaboration" rooms and offices with windows for about half the employees.

Fite Building in Decatur is expected to complete the building, designed by Chapman Sisson in Huntsville, by late spring or early next summer. AEgis now occupies a 26,500-square-foot building on Discovery Drive.