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Homestead America

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Fast-growing Homestead America plans to move into the former home of the Berardi & Partners design firm in German Village.

Homestead America President Dave Anderson confirmed a real estate affiliate of the multifamily development and property management firm bought the 361-369 E. Livingston Ave. property

from Grant II LLC. Public records show the Homestead America affiliate paid \$934,000.

"We've had a lot of growth in the last few years," Anderson told me, "and outgrew our space at South Third and Mound."

The company has 175 employees, with 20 of those in the central Columbus office at 341 S. Third St. Anderson said three or four years ago the development company had just six or seven of its 30-plus employees within its downtown office.

"Once we got into student housing," Anderson said, "that's when it took off."

Astute Columbus Business First readers will recall Berardi left the German Village property to accommodate its own growing business. It bought a building on Goodale Boulevard in Grandview Heights.

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