

## **Renovation Nuances**

MORE OPTIONS THAN PEOPLE MIGHT THINK



Case Study

During a recent meeting, a client named Jack<sup>1</sup> expressed concern because he wanted to renovate his facility but couldn't afford to suspend operations for several weeks while the work was being done.

He had also considered conducting the project without a work stoppage, but was reluctant to risk people's safety and also thought the noise and overall distraction associated with the construction work would compromise quality.

Fortunately, as Jack found out, there are steps that can be taken if the construction crews have the right skills...

## **Occupied Space Protocols**

Faced with the often-difficult decision whether to expand or relocate, Jack lamented his predicament.

"As the saying goes, we're busting out at the seams," he said. "Business is booming but we just don't have the space to accommodate the growth"

"I've considered relocating to a larger facility, but it has been difficult to find one and evens more difficult to find a location that's as convenient for the staff and as close to distribution channels as this one is. Just like everyone knows, when it comes to real estate, the most important things are location, location, location!"

"Plus, I the downtime that will be associated with either renovating or relocating will be tough to handle," he added.

We continued the conversation and Jack was happy to learn that the right contractor might be the solution to his problem – a contractor that is experienced with working in and around occupied space, which would eliminate his downtime.

## **Key Questions & Answers**

We then addressed three key questions:

Q: Is there sufficient real estate to expand?

Q: Does the existing location have access to a good work force?



Q: Can the existing structure accommodate the expansion?

"Yes" was the answer to all three questions. So, based on the status of his business and the advantages of the current location, it became clear that renovating the existing location was the most attractive option.

When Jack learned that enhanced noise abatement, dust control, strategic safety practices, and open communication protocols with respect to scheduling would enable him to renovate his building without the need for a shut-down, he was truly relieved.

"I didn't know contractors specialized in this type of work," he said. "But I'm sure glad I found out!"

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