

## NetCenergy Expands Into a New Home

### A Sign of Growth Even in a Down Economy

There will be a new blue sign illuminating Elm St. in Warwick. NetCenergy is moving. With a continuously expanding team, NetCenergy has outgrown its rented space off of Post Road. Even amidst a shrinking economy, NetCenergy has taken the entrepreneurial spirit it was built on and purchased a building at 231 Elm St. in Warwick. "The consistent growth of our service, sales and administrative teams created some significant space challenges in our rented facility. We decided to invest in our future by purchasing our own facility and renovating it to meet our specific needs today and into the future" Don Nokes, President said.

NetCenergy's search for a building began back in March of 2008. At that time, NetCenergy's client list was continuing to grow and existing clients began utilizing NetCenergy for more and more technical needs. To keep up with demand, NetCenergy expanded the team with new engineers and office members. However, this led to cramped office space, and the search for a new home began.

When Don saw the building on Elm St., he knew it was exactly what NetCenergy needed. "The size of the structure was perfect, but we decided to completely gut the interior and start over with all new electrical, HVAC, plumbing and interior partitions. The end result is a customized office space built to support our workgroups and process flow." Before the ink was dry on closing papers, interior demolition began. A day later, the building was a shell, ready for NetCenergy to make its impression.

Teamwork and a sense of community have always been philosophies that the founders of NetCenergy have stressed to their staff. The planning of the new building was an opportunity to put these philosophies into action. Office manager, Greg Prescott said "We were all provided an opportunity to participate in the design of the new facility. The exercise facility, including shower and locker room, the outdoor picnic area and the layout and size of each work area were among the details that were suggested or designed by the staff."

The renovations also focused on energy efficiency. New energy efficient lighting, windows, heating and ventilations systems and even the plumbing fixtures were chosen for their ability to reduce energy usage. The insulation in the ceiling was increased and the wall insulation was completely replaced with 40% more insulating value than is suggested for this climate.

"This is something we're all really proud of," Dan Charland, CEO said. "We hope it serves as an example of the entrepreneurial spirit that exists in Rhode Island. Small businesses can still thrive and we know our new home will enable us to more effectively serve our clients' needs."



NetCenergy's new home is located at 231 Elm St. in Warwick, RI.