



**Midwest Eye-Banks acquires new building for corporate headquarters  
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ANN ARBOR – Midwest Eye-Banks today acquired a 10,013 square-foot building in Pittsfield Township, which will serve as its new corporate headquarters and the site of the Michigan Eye-Bank, announced Susan d'Olive Mozena, President and Chief Executive Officer, Midwest Eye-Banks.

The purchase price for the building was \$1.4 million. Financing for the building, formerly owned by EMC International and located at 4889 Venture Drive, has been arranged through National City Bank.

The new facility will allow Midwest Eye-Banks to consolidate its offices. Since the founding of the Michigan Eye-Bank in 1957, the organization has utilized space within the University of Michigan Department of Ophthalmology, moving with the department in 1986 to the Kellogg Eye Center. Currently, the Eye-Bank also has staff located in a second office in the Plymouth-Green Innovation Community, also located in Ann Arbor.

The new building will nearly double the Eye-Bank's working space, including an enlarged processing laboratory serving the Michigan Eye-Bank, a division of Midwest Eye-Banks. About 30 laboratory technicians and other staff will be housed in the new complex. Relocation is expected to occur by fall, 2005.

"We are delighted to establish our corporate offices in one place and expand our laboratory facility," Mozena said. "We have been honored to share space with some of the leading researchers and clinicians in ophthalmology at Kellogg Eye Center for many years. However, space constraints and the need to consolidate our staff necessitated the move."

In addition to the Michigan Eye-Bank, Midwest Eye-Banks operates the Illinois Eye-Bank, located in Chicago and Bloomington, Illinois. One of the most active eye banks in the United States, Midwest Eye-Banks recovers more than 4,000 eye tissues for transplantation and medical research annually.

A member of the Donate Life Coalitions of Michigan and Illinois, the Eye-Bank actively promotes eye, tissue and organ donation. In addition, Midwest Eye-Banks' Vision Research Program provides more than \$100,000 in annual grants to support new eye and vision research initiatives.

For more information on Midwest Eye-Banks, visit [www.midwesteyebanks.org](http://www.midwesteyebanks.org) or call 1-800-247-7250.