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"The Jayco organization had been on our list for many years prior to our opportunity to interview with Wilbur and Derald Bontrager for the possibility of teaming up with them to build their new corporate offices. We were fortunate enough to be selected, and the whole DJ team worked hard to make this very complicated project a success so that we would have other opportunities to work with them in the future.

Jayco takes great pride in the importance of being a family-owned organization, much like we talk about it here at DJ. To be able to be a small part of that Jayco family has been a great blessing for us at DJ through both projects and great relationships. There were times they made me feel like I might actually be 'one of the family.'"

Doug Wogoman, President
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History:

- DJ's first major project with Jayco occurred in 1998 when the two companies broke ground on Jayco's corporate offices. The gabled roofs, vertical siding, & stone give the exterior a common country touch, while large light wells introduce daylight & nature to the lower levels of the building. DJ helped develop a plan to relocate Jayco employees in order to achieve greater efficiency & allow uninterrupted services to everyone, resulting in a shortened construction time frame from 24 to 16 months.
- After nearly a dozen other projects that included an addition to the LaGrange facility, in 2000 the two companies partnered on the building of "triplets," or three Middlebury production facilities, all completed by 2001. Each building housed over 94,000 sq. ft. of space; two of the buildings were used to produce conventional travel trailers & fifth-wheels; the third allowed Jayco to enter the Class A motorhome market.
- 2006 brought the addition of offices & a break room as well as expansion to another production facility (Plant 15), as the RV industry was experiencing growth in the travel trailer segment.
- Two additions were made to plant 41, one in 2010 and a second in 2012, to meet a growing demand for motorhomes produced by the company's Entegra Coach Luxury RV Division. The 2012 steel building addition more than doubled the capacity for production as it contained 77,752 sq. ft. of manufacturing space, 14,000 square feet of mezzanine as well as restrooms, break rooms, offices, and a three bay truck dock. Jayco added skylights to the project that reduced the number of required light fixtures and overall operating costs for the facility.
- Because Jayco's Entegra Coach Luxury RV Division has grown significantly, currently, DJ & Jayco are partnering on a new 173,200 sq. ft. manufacturing building that will be used to produce that line of motorhomes. The facility also includes a second story office area & mezzanine accommodations for assembly & storage. This building is the largest square footage that DJ has built as a single project.

