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General contractor moving HQ downtown to be more available

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Tommy Burt (left) and Shane Watts are co-founders of Burt-Watts Industries Inc.

Burt-Watts Industries Inc. is moving its headquarters into a downtown Austin building and adding new employees to position itself for growth.

For the Austin-based commercial general contractor, the move represents a chance to be closer to its clients, many of whom are downtown, and a chance to grow into more space, said Shane Watts, vice president and co-founder of the company.

Burt-Watts bought the building at 1300 Guadalupe St. as part of a partnership with two undisclosed companies, and it is leading a renovation on the entire building. The new construction will increase the building's size from 36,000 square feet to 55,000 square feet, said Tommy Burt, president and co-founder of Burt-Watts.

Burt said the company has been preparing for the move for a year and a half, and will likely be able to occupy the building by September.