

Simmers Crane on move in Tonawanda

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The first new tenant has been secured for the recently revived former Spaulding Fibre industrial site in the City of Tonawanda.

Simmers Crane Design and Service has agreed to build a 20,000-square-foot building on a nearly five-acre site just off of Wheeler Street. Simmers will be the first tenant in the fledgling Spaulding Fibre property, once an environmental headache that has since been remediated into a shovel-ready northern suburban development site. The remediation work was handled by the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning.



The [Erie County Industrial Development Agency](#) has set a May 30 public hearing to consider an incentive package for the \$1.71 million project. The full ECIDA board is expected to vote on the project on June 17.

Simmers will relocate from the Town of Tonawanda and will be expanding its workforce from 30 employees to 35 workers.

“This is really exciting for us,” said City of Tonawanda Mayor [Ron Pilozzi](#). “Things are starting to fall into place for Spaulding Fibre.”

Pilozzi said he has talked to other development interests about the Spaulding Fibre property. Now, with the first tenant signed, talks with other developers and firms may progress quickly.

“It feeds on itself,” he said.

Simmers, which produces heavy-duty industrial cranes, was founded in 1958. The company has been owned by Pollack Research & Design since 1966.

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