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## **COCHRAN & MANN RELOCATES FROM MONTGOMERY COUNTY TO ST. JOHN PROPERTIES' WESTVIEW BUSINESS PARK IN FREDERICK**

*Commercial paint and wall covering contractor joins growing tide of firms moving to Frederick*

**FREDERICK, MD** (August 9, 2012) – Cochran & Mann, a leading commercial paint and wall covering contractor in the Washington metropolitan area, has signed a lease with St. John Properties, Inc. for approximately 5,000 square feet of space within the Westview Business Park, a 423,000 square foot business community positioned at the intersection of Interstate 270 and MD Route 85 in Frederick, MD. The Westview Business Park, a 49-acre business campus, presently consists of nine R&D/office/flex buildings with additional developable land directly along MD Route 85.

Cochran & Mann, a 22-year old firm that services customers throughout Maryland, Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia, is relocating from space in the Montgomery County Airpark in Montgomery County. J. B. Powell with Real Estate Teams, LLC represented the tenant and Danny Severn of St. John Properties represented the landlord in this transaction.

According to representatives from Cochran & Mann, the company selected Westview Business Park based on its convenient access to customers in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia via Interstate 270, US Route 15 and Interstate 70, in addition to the area's plentiful amenities. Also compelling were Frederick County's more favorable real estate tax structure as compared with Montgomery County; an attractive business-friendly environment and the availability of newer, high-quality space at competitive leasing rates.

"This latest lease builds upon Westview Business Park's recent momentum of attracting companies relocating from Montgomery County including the National Society of Public Surveyors, Gemini Corporation, Apex Diagnostics and Performance Automatic," explained Matt Holbrook, Regional Partner for St. John Properties, Inc. "The location and flexibility offered by our business parks continues to draw new companies interested in establishing a long-term presence and roots in Frederick County."

St. John Properties, Inc., founded in 1971, owns and has developed more than 17 million square feet of office, R&D/flex, retail and warehouse space in Maryland, Colorado, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin. For more information about the company, visit [www.sjpi.com](http://www.sjpi.com).