

## Sigma Graphics Company History

- For more than 50 years, Sigma Graphics has been a full-service commercial printer, **specializing in sheet-fed offset printing**. Sigma prints and ships products all over the United States, Mexico and Canada.
- In 1961, Sigma started producing desk calendars. Honing the craft of producing calendars with personalized imprinting and drop shipping, Sigma **now produces and ships about 1.275 million calendars per year** throughout North America.
- Originally located in Streator, Ill., as a storefront printer, Sigma moved to its current **location in Ottawa, Ill., in 1972** as one of the first businesses to build north of I-80 in the area. Most staff members have been in Sigma's employ for more than 10 years.
- Sigma has **expanded its facility three times to accommodate growth**. Sigma can economically produce virtually any single to full-color printed piece while maintaining an emphasis on personal service and long-term customer relationships.
- In 1983, Sigma Graphics was purchased by Huston Patterson, and Sigma's commercial **market began to broaden** into more parts of northern Illinois, Chicago and its suburbs.
- Sigma added a **state-of-the-art 18"x 25" 14-station Bourg Collator A Series** in 1996. At the time, only one other such piece of equipment was in operation in the U.S.
- In 2001, Sigma installed a new 46" Saber cutter with air table, and in 2002, moved in a 40" Heidelberg 5-color Speedmaster to **allow in-house 4- and 5-color work**.
- In 2005, Sigma added another **18"x 25" Bourg Collator A Series** to collate, fold, stitch and trim.
- In 2007, **Tonya Kowa-Morelli** was named as Sigma's Director of Sales, Special Products Division, successfully leading Sigma to realize new sales potential and markets.
- In 2007, **Stephen Frantz** was named as Sigma's Chief Operating Officer, overseeing the installation of new equipment and the expansion of working personnel and shifts.
- In 2008, Sigma installed a new KBA **40-inch six color press** featuring UV or aqueous in-line coating capabilities.