

GILL ATHLETICS/PORTER ATHLETIC

601 MERCURY DRIVE : CHAMPAIGN : ILLINOIS 61822
APOLLO SUBDIVISION

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:

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BUILDING SQUARE FOOTAGE:

INITIALLY 82,320 SF W/ EXPANSION
TO 204,934 SF IN 2009

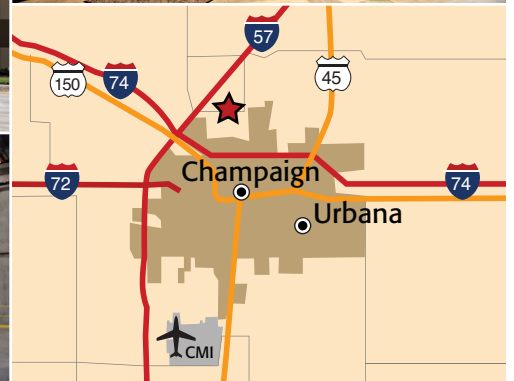
ACREAGE: 23.6 ACRES

TYPE OF PROJECT: 2004 BUILD TO SUIT/SALE,
2009 EXPANSION

PRESIDENT AND CEO: DAVID HODGE

CONTRACTOR: DODDS COMPANY

- ▶ Gill Athletics, the largest manufacturer of track and field equipment in the world, operated in Urbana for over 70 years before choosing The Atkins Group to manage the design and construction of a new 82,000 sf facility in 2004. The \$3.1 million built-to-suit project was completed in seven months after four months of planning. Due to increased efficiencies in the new Champaign plant, Gill was able to shut down its manufacturing facility in Eugene, Oregon.
- ▶ In 2006, Gill Athletics purchased Porter Athletic, a world leader in sports equipment. To complete Gill/Porter's merger, an expansion of the existing Champaign facility was necessary, including a 23,900 sf, two-story office addition and a 98,700 sf plant expansion. The Atkins Group has grown along with Gill and was able to accommodate them as needed through this merger and transitional period.
- ▶ Starting in February 2008, The Atkins Group met with Gill/Porter company officials to create an expansion strategy—assisting in evaluating pricing, schedules, and options for the office and plant expansions. The three-phase, \$8.1 million expansion project was successfully completed in October 2009, one month ahead of schedule. Atkins provided assistance with platting, easements, design review, construction observation, scheduling, pay requests review, and securing local incentives and energy rebates.
- ▶ The combined facility produces hurdles, vaulting poles, pole vault pits, track carts, stands and cages for the Gill line as well as equipment for basketball, volleyball, wrestling, soccer, baseball, and physical education for the Porter line.
- ▶ Each year, Gill hosts the top pole-vaulters in the country at their new facility for the annual Gill Factory Vault and Symposium.
- ▶ 137 employees (from 40 in 2004)



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