

BUSINESS NEAR YOU: Southfield firm supplies portable, modular spaces

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Company: McDonald Modular Solutions Inc., 23800 W. Eight Mile, Southfield.

Owner: Bruce McDonald, 66, of Birmingham.

Some background: Franklyn McDonald, his father, started a mobile-home sales business in 1939. Through the years, the younger McDonald worked to diversify the company away from mobile homes and into storage-related items, modular homes and offices.

"If anyone needs storage space for any reason, we can provide it," Bruce McDonald says.

Economic impact: Despite the tough local economy, he says business has been pretty good.

The expansion into storage and modular space has proven a prudent move as the company has grown to 30 employees.

It also now has an office in Chicago and a manufacturing plant in Indiana.

Its niche: The firm sells and rents trailers, modular offices and other portables for special events to corporations and organizations.

McDonald said his company provided 70 units last year for the Ryder Cup golf tournament in Bloomfield Township. The McDonald Modular trailers allowed players to rest and get out of bad weather.

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