



## Whitson's keeps Long Island HQ with Hauppauge lease

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**After deciding to relocate its food processing and distribution operations off Long Island, Whitson's Culinary Group will be keeping its headquarters here.**

Whitson's leased 17,600 square feet of office space on the fourth floor of 1393 Veterans Memorial Highway in Hauppauge, where it will move its administrative and executive offices next year along with some 50 to 60 staff.

The company, which provides prepared meals and food management services to schools, healthcare facilities and corporations across the country, is relocating its food prep operations to a subsidiary outside of Chicago, according to real estate industry sources. Whitson's announced the move earlier this year in a state Department of Labor filing with plans to lay off 141 employees.

Whitson's has been leasing two Long Island locations that it will be vacating. The 55,355-square-foot industrial building at 1800 Motor Parkway in Islandia, where there is about 16,000 square feet of office space, and the 44,587-square-foot cold storage building at 3300 Veterans Memorial Highway in Bohemia, which has about 4,000 square feet of office space.

Both of those properties, owned by Sterling Investors LP, are currently being marketed for sale or lease by Doug Omstrom of JLL.

Whitson's began in 1979 when Elmer and Gina Whitcomb bought two Garden City restaurants. The company soon expanded into catering and food service and has grown through acquisitions. It now serves 1,200 schools in 13 states, according to the company's website.

Since 2015, Whitson's has been headed by CEO Paul Whitcomb, who declined comment for this story. Manhattan-based private equity firm GenNX360 Capital Partners acquired a majority stake in Whitson's in 2021.

The 138,400-square-foot office building on 8.35 acres at 1393 Veterans Memorial Highway is The Crest Group's flagship of the company's office portfolio.

"We're thrilled to welcome Whitson's to 1393 Veterans Memorial Highway in our Crossroads Office Park," Daniel Scarda, Crest Group's head of corporate finance, told LIBN. "Their decision to establish a presence here underscores the strength of this location and the vitality of our growing tenant community. This lease represents an exciting milestone for the property and a strong vote of confidence in the continued growth of the Hauppauge office market."

**Aaron Smiles of CRA Realty represented ownership in the Hauppauge lease transaction.  
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