



IRD breaking ground in April

We are very excited to announce that IRD Glass will be breaking ground on an expansion that will add 50% more square footage, growing from 20,000 ft2 to 30,000 ft2, as soon as the snow melts. We are now shooting for July! 😊

Basically, we've outgrown our existing facility. The last 5 years we've enjoyed year over year growth of better than 10%. We had our first \$1m month last year and started off 2019 with another in January. Our headcount has grown from around 50 people to over 80! Yeah, we need more room.

Now it's time to really invest in our future. The new expansion will allow us to "reset" and reorganize our cells. Each cell will enjoy a natural flow from rough ops to precision polishing, cleaning and packaging.

The addition will also provide our employees with additional common areas — a larger break room as well as new conference rooms and meeting rooms — and help us improve our energy efficiency and security layout for ITAR and NIST 800-171.

Learn more about our expansion and read a dispatch from this year's Photonics West in San Francisco in our most recent blog:

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Where We're Heading

Defense & Commercial Sensing, Baltimore April 16-18 2019 — Booth 667

About IRD Glass

For over 37 years, IRD Glass has done things that virtually no one else has with glass and ceramics. We are a trusted sole-source provider to both large and small corporations across the planet, creating precision sapphire components, ceramic components, and custom laser optics of the highest quality.

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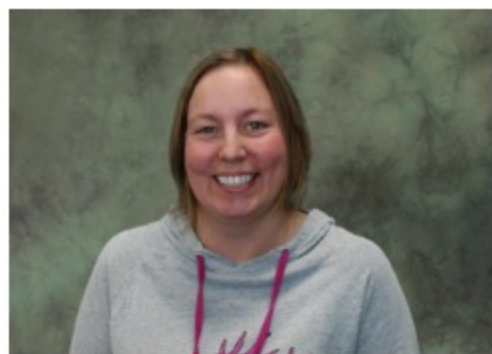
PRECISION LASER COMPONENTS FROM IRD GLASS

IRD Glass is trusted by the biggest names in the laser OEM market to produce numerous precision laser components, including cavity reflectors, steering mirrors, splatter shields, precision spacers and tooling, beamsplitters, custom corner cubes, filters and more.

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Keri Bischof



When you stop in for a visit at IRD Glass, you are greeted with a physical and audible smile and a hello from Keri Bischof, our office guru.

Keri is a master of many crafts within IRD's office, primarily heading up Purchasing and Bookkeeping. She handles all Account Payables for IRD Glass and our sister location IRD Ceramics.

Keri is known to be the "go to" for general internal questions from all staff members for payroll, shipping and billing inquiries. She enjoys the daily interactions with the team and their variety of requests. She is known for her infectious laugh and upbeat personality; always happy and welcoming.

Keri is happily married to husband Jeremy who tag-teams the crazy schedule of keeping up with 3 young rambunctious girls ranging in age from 4 to 14.

Adding to her busy schedule outside of work, she enjoys fishing with Jeremy. One year, they entered a contest and she won a new trolling motor. Jeremy was a bit jealous! She of course sold it a short time later to buy crafting supplies.

During her down time, you will find her spending time quilting, reading or working marathon puzzles. When the weather is nice, you will find her family at the park, riding their bikes or boating.

Stop in and be greeted with a smile!

A mom and a son come home from the grocery store. The boy immediately empties out a box of animal crackers on the kitchen table, and the mom asks him what he's doing. The boy says, "The box says not to eat it if the seal is broken. I'm looking for the seal."

If at first you don't succeed, don't go skydiving!

Two factory workers are talking. The woman says, "I can make the boss give me the day off." The man replies, "And how would you do that?" The woman says, "Just wait and see." She then hangs upside down from the ceiling. The boss comes in and says, "What are you doing?" The woman replies, "I'm a light bulb." The boss says, "You've been working so much that you've gone crazy. I think you need to take the day off." The man starts to follow her and the boss says, "Where are you going?" The man says, "I'm going home, too. I can't work in the dark."

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