Dee Vaidya Biography

Dee Vaidya was born in Bombay and raised 100 miles away in Pune, India. He received a Bachelor’s Degree in Chemical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology and a Master’s Degree in Polymer Science from the University of Akron. He later attended Purdue University and received a Master’s Degree in Industrial Administration in 1975.

For three years Dee went back to India and worked at his father’s rubber products company. He missed the United States and its free market system and returned to Akron at the beginning of 1979. In 1980 he met his wife, the former Mary Neyhart, who was then working at the University of Akron.

In 1983 Dee moved the family to Austin, Texas, and switched to a career in the computer industry, which he felt had far greater potential for growth than rubber and plastics. His biggest customer was Michael Dell for whom he built PCs by the truckload every day.

Later, as Dell moved production in-house, Dee had to shut down the Texas firm and took a job with a company in Canada. Finding Canadian life very different from American life, within two years Dee and Mary decided to move the family back to Wooster, Ohio, where Mary was raised.

Dee and Mary got into business again from Mary’s family home in 1993 with $5,000 and a dream. That was the beginning of TechniGraphics, Inc. In 1994, Dee acquired the tiny TGS Technology division of Johnson Controls in Fort Collins, Colorado, which was a federal contractor for Geospatial Intelligence Systems (GIS).

The entrepreneurs built up this 10-employee division and expanded the Wooster, Ohio, headquarters. In January, 2003, after a decade of DOD work, TechniGraphics won a $200 million Global Geospatial Intelligence (GGI) Prime Contract from the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) spanning 10 years.

The rapid growth of the company put it on Inc. magazine’s list of the 500 fastest growing American companies in September 2006. It has been on the magazine’s list of the 5000 Fastest Growing Companies ever since, for four additional years in a row. Today the company employs 225 people at its Wooster, Ohio, campus; 175 people in Fort Collins, and 25 people in Madrid, Spain, for a total of 425 employees worldwide. Dee and Mary sold TechniGraphics in November 2010 to CACI, which has a worldwide headcount of over 13,000. Dee has remained with CACI-TechniGraphics as Division Manager and Vice President of CACI’s National Solutions Group.

In 2006 and 2007, Dee acquired four companies that specialized in 3D-CAD Engineering Services and collaborative Product Lifecycle Management (PLM). This activity is still owned by the Vaidya family and was spun out as a separate company, called NobleTek, which assists its customers in IT-support services, the design of engineered components and aircraft interior-design. It also offers Enterprise Asset Management solutions to large customers with multiple locations.