

Putting people first

Floating Point Systems, Inc., headquartered in Beaverton, is a leading manufacturer of Array Processors. These special-purpose, high speed com-



Donna Uhlir (left) and Christine Easley, both members of Floating Point Systems, Inc., Reprographics Department, form a good team in cataloging the company's Engineering drawings.

puters are used chiefly in scientific computation applications, when combined with "host" minicomputers, or major mainframe computers, FPS Array Processors increase the performance speed of the host by mathematically processing large arrays, or groups, of data simultaneously.

Following the company's incorporation in October, 1970, recognition of FPS products and their uses increased rapidly, resulting in remarkable growth. From its modest beginning operations in a Portland basement, Floating Point Systems, Inc., today conducts design, manufacturing, marketing, and support functions in a modern, attractive 150,000 square-foot building completed in early 1979. The company employs some 700 people at this location, and in district offices elsewhere in the United States and throughout the world. Its European headquarters are in Geneva, Switzerland, and sales office locations include the United Kingdom, France, Germany, and Canada. FPS distributorships are also maintained in Australia, India, Israel, Japan, and Mexico.

Despite the company's "high-technology" product line and rapid growth, FPS employees still enjoy a long-established tradition of meeting with founder and president C. N. "Norm" Winningstad each month to ask questions and hear company progress reports. Under Winningstad's leadership, Floating Point Systems, Inc., continues its people-oriented philosophy which has been instrumental in attracting capable and well-qualified workers, ranging from clerical employees to degreed engineers. FPS is recognized for its pleasant, casual working climate, and generous employee benefits. These include company-paid health and dental plans for employees and their families, and two comprehensive retirement programs in which every employee automatically participates.

Winningstad's leadership is also reflected in the company's commitment to its continued recognition as a



"Petey" Russell (left), an Inventory Control employee, and Rose Leos, employed in the Purchasing Department, find their skills on the company's computer terminals helpful in their daily responsibilities at Floating Point Systems, Inc.

stable, reliable, and reputable company, internationally, nationally, and locally.

FPS employees share pride in their company's achievements, and in the knowledge that FPS Array Processors are being used in a wide variety of human-advancement applications throughout the world; applications which include scientific research, education, medicine, seismic data processing in the search for petroleum deposits, and many others.

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