

Orange

by Karen Anderson

Yoga classes are also featured in the back of the 1,700-square-foot store every Saturday morning.

For Bridget, the response to the Bite Market has been fantastic.

"It's great to have customers excited about the store. Everything has been very positive."

The building that once housed the old St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store now serves as the corporate offices for **Cibola Systems**, an established engineering firm previously based in Santa Ana.

In business since 1971, the company designs and implements communications facilities of all kinds to help organizations communicate better, says owner and CEO, Lisa Perrine. Clients range from government organizations to corporations including Edwards Lifesciences and First American.

They also do pro-bono work for Rhonda's Dream, a non-profit organization that assists the disabled.

"We love doing work in Orange County, and we also have clients across the country," Lisa said. "We do travel to see clients in Los Angeles and Washington state, but we also use video conferencing."

Indeed, Lisa says their new location near the train track provides the ideal location for pursu-



Members of the Cibola team from left to right: JoAn Kenmotsu, designer; Benjamin Djou, design engineer; Diana Theron, VP; Lisa Perrine, CEO; Lee Ann Maki, project lead; Doug Kotkin, purchasing manager; and Mitch Giffin, systems engineer

ing an environmentally conscious work environment. Utilizing employees on staff who have LEED experience, the company has created a "green" office, featuring high-efficiency air and heat units, recycled furnishings and an

automated lighting system.

Some employees even commute to work by train.

"Coming to Old Towne Orange was a quality of life decision for our company," Lisa said. "We wanted to be in this neigh-

Previously based in Santa Ana, Cibola Systems recently relocated to the former site of St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store in Old Towne. An engineering firm, the company has transformed the 6,000-square-foot space to an eco-friendly facility.

borhood and we wanted to be near a train station. We also enjoy being in a walkable community."

With 6,000 square feet in the front building in addition to the warehouse in the rear, the company is in the process of installing landscaping, which has been approved by the City, opting for drought-resistant groundcover as well as edible plantings.

Being near the Plaza offers everyone at Cibola Systems proximity to shops and restaurants, plus plenty of friendly neighbors, says Lisa.

"We just love Old Towne. We've loved it since the day we got here. The City's been wonderful to work with and is very encouraging. They've bent over backwards to help us."

Part of the fastest-growing restaurant company in the country, **Five Guys Burgers & Fries** recently opened its doors at 1549 East Katella in Orange.

Owned by Phil Ratner and Bob Zanolli, the Orange location is the third store for the Orange County-based business partners,