



Vice President Darrell Roberts II is pictured at Wal-Tech Valve's location at 826 S. Conception St.

Wal-Tech Valve Poised for Expansion

There weren't many valve service and repair companies in the market when **Tom Walton** founded Wal-Tech Valve in 1987. Although times have changed and the competition has grown, Wal-Tech remains at the forefront of the field.

Darrell Roberts, whose family took ownership of the company after Walton's passing in 2006, says the fact that Wal-Tech is locally owned and operated, yet offers services nationally, sets it apart.

"This allows us to be more flexible, which brings in highly qualified employees to a good working environment," said Roberts, who serves as the company's vice president. "Our

employees build personal relationships with our customers and we truly work collaboratively as a team."

Wal-Tech Valve is the Mobile Area Chamber's Small Business of the Month.

A Chamber member since 1997, Wal-Tech is a full-service valve company with 32 employees, providing manual valves, control valves, electric actuators, safety relief valves, steam traps and steam-related equipment to industrial plants, mills and manufacturing facilities.

"We specialize and have the most experience in the safety valve industry," Roberts said.

Recognizing that their

business is where their customers are, Wal-Tech's experienced team of factory-trained repair technicians is available 24/7. "We go where our customers need us, when they need us," the company promises on its website.

Even with round-the-clock service, Wal-Tech employees donate their time and money to several different charitable organizations, and have just begun working on a Habitat for Humanity project.

"We want our employees to be able to give back to the community, based on Christian principles," Roberts said. "We are in the service and repair business, which falls

hand-in-hand with Habitat for Humanity."

Roberts is bullish on the future for Wal-Tech, expecting continued growth and success – as well as expansion. With most of its business currently in the Southeast, the company is looking to expand its operations with satellite offices around the country, while maintaining its home base here in Mobile.

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