

# Jim Vann



Under James Vann's leadership, Rea Magnet Wire became the largest privately owned producer of magnet wire in the world. 1986, Vann and three other members of the Rea management took the risk of a leveraged buy out of the company from Alcoa resulting in Rea Magnet Wire Company becoming Fort Wayne based. The company employs more than 700 people at four plants, the newest of which was recently built in 1998 at Las Cruces, New Mexico, producing a wide variety of insulated wire for the electrical industry.