

# Google announces expansion at Okla. data center

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(AP) -- Google says it will double its server capacity in Oklahoma and add 50 jobs when it builds a new facility in the state.

Mike Wooten, the operations manager of Google's data center near Pryor, says the company is looking primarily for local residents to fill the [new jobs](#). He says [Google](#) needs employees to work on deployment of servers and equipment maintenance.

Google's \$600 million data center opened in the Mid-America Industrial Park about 45 miles east of Tulsa last fall and already employs more than 100 workers. It contains systems that support Gmail, [Google Maps](#), Google Search and Google Plus.

Wooten says the expansion will bring Google's investment in Oklahoma to \$700 million.

Wednesday's announcement comes the same day that Yahoo announced its plans to lay off 2,000 workers.

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