

General Motors to open tech center in US

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General Motors Vice President and Chief Information Officer Randy Mott, right, joins Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal at a news conference announcing plans to open an information technology center in suburban Atlanta that would create about 1,000 jobs, Thursday, Jan. 10, 2013, in Atlanta. The move is part of a larger push by the automaker to hire up to 10,000 technology professionals over a three- to five-year period to produce GM software and other electronic applications in-house, as opposed to buying the products from outside companies. (AP Photo/David Goldman)

General Motors says a new information technology center in suburban Atlanta—the third of four planned by the largest U.S. automaker—will open in March and create 1,000 white-collar jobs as part of its new focus

on producing software and other applications in-house.

The automaker announced Thursday that it is hiring software developers, project managers, database experts, business analysts and other information technology professionals to staff its Information Technology Innovation Center in Roswell—about 10 miles (16 kilometers) north of Atlanta.



The inside of a former UPS facility is seen through a window as General Motors on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2013 announced plans to open an information technology center in the building that would create about 1,000 jobs, in Roswell, Ga. The move is part of a larger push by the automaker to hire up to 10,000 technology professionals over a three- to five-year period to produce GM software and other electronic applications in-house, as opposed to buying the products from outside companies. (AP Photo/David Goldman)

State officials say the company has invested \$26 million in the development and are calling it another step toward establishing the area as a hub for technological innovation.

General Motors Vice President and Chief Information Officer Randy Mott said Thursday that the company has relied on outside firms for tech products and applications for about 30 years. The 228,000 square-foot (21,181 sq. meter) Roswell facility—along with centers in Warren, Michigan; Austin, Texas; and a to-be-named fourth location— will be part of GM's effort to hire up to 10,000 technology professionals over a three- to five-year period to move production in-house instead of buying from outside companies.



Roswell Mayor Jere Wood, right, and Roswell City Councilwoman Betty Price, left, attend a news conference announcing plans to open a General Motors information technology center in his city that would create about 1,000 jobs,

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"We feel like based on what we're trying to do, which is provide capability for our business, it's much better to have people that understand not only technology but General Motors and the General Motors business," Mott said after a news conference at Georgia Tech.

About 700 people have been hired for positions at GM's other two innovation centers.

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