

Google self-driving car project opening Michigan tech center

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Google's self-driving car project is heading to the Motor City.

Google said Wednesday it's opening a [self-driving technology](#) development center in the Detroit suburb of Novi.

The company isn't yet saying how many people will be employed at the 53,000-square-foot facility. Workers will be moving in throughout this year.

Silicon Valley-based Google says having a facility in Michigan will help it access top talent in vehicle development and engineering.

This isn't Google's first brush with Detroit. It has had self-driving car employees in the area for several years, and a Detroit-area supplier makes Google's self-driving pods.

Google also announced a partnership earlier this month with Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, which has a headquarters near Detroit. Google plans to outfit 100 Chrysler Pacifica minivans with self-driving technology as part of that collaboration.

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