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Vertiv adding 730 jobs in $50M expansion at two Ohio locations

Vertiv Americas, 610 Executive Campus Dr., is in one of several Westerville buildings housing corporate operations of Vertiv Holdings Co.

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Vertiv Holdings Co. on Monday announced a $50 million plan to expand both its Westerville headquarters and a manufacturing plant in Ironton, creating a combined 730 jobs.

The local company that makes power supplies, storage, cooling systems and other infrastructure for data centers will add about 210 roles in engineering, sales, service and logistics, according to a Vertiv press release. Its Westerville office campus already spans several buildings.

"Vertiv’s continued investment in Westerville speaks to the strength of our city as a place where innovative companies can grow and succeed," Westerville City Manager Monica Dupee said in a release from the state.

The 45% expansion of the southern Ohio plant adds about 520 jobs making liquid cooling and chilled water systems needed by data centers because of the heat generated by computer servers. The addition is expected to open in the second quarter of 2027.

"Ohio operations remain integral to Vertiv's strategy," CEO Giordano Albertazzi said in Vertiv's release. "This investment … reflects our confidence in the talent, commitment and long-standing support we continue to see across Ohio and within the communities where we operate."

Last week, Vertiv (NYSE:VRT) announced an acquisition in Europe and expansions to four different North American manufacturing sites.

The company announced the Ohio moves in collaboration with Gov. Mike DeWine, Ohio Department of Development, JobsOhio, Ohio Southeast Economic Development and the Columbus Partnership.

"This is a company with a lot of choices globally on where to expand and make investments – and no shortage of suitors," Columbus Partnership CEO Jason Hall said in the state's release. "Our team at the Columbus Partnership is proud to have partnered with JobsOhio and others to compete aggressively to ensure the Columbus metro remains Vertiv's headquarters and that the jobs created because of its growth are located here."

"Vertiv's growth here is a testament to Ohio's integral role in the technology industry," DeWine said in the release. "Ohio has the best workforce in the nation and we are proud that Ohioans will be on the leading edge of Vertiv's work to establish and strengthen the AI supply chain."

The Ironton expansion makes Vertiv one of the largest employers in Lawrence County at the state's southern tip, where it has operated for 25 years and currently has 238 employees.

"This latest investment reflects their continued confidence in our workforce and the strength of our longstanding partnership," Jeremy Clay, COO of Lawrence Economic Development Corp., said in the release.

The Ohio Tax Credit Authority on Monday approved a 1.6%, 10-year payroll tax credit only for the Ironton expansion. The Development Department cited competition with Mexico and South Carolina for the project.

The incentive could total $5.35 million over the life of the deal if it creates all the pledged jobs before 2030 and meets other terms, such as maintaining operations there at least 13 years.

JobsOhio, the private statewide economic development organization, pledged $4 million in economic development grants, with $1 million to the Delaware County expansion and $3 million for Ironton.

"Ohio is a major hub for AI and data infrastructure investment and Vertiv's production is critical to ensuring efficient and reliable operations," JobsOhio CEO J.P. Nauseef said in the state's release.

"Ohio has been central to Vertiv's story for more than six decades and this investment reflects our confidence in the state, our communities and the people who make growth possible," Anand Sanghi, president of Vertiv Americas, said in the state's release. "We are investing in talent, manufacturing and long-term capability that will help us better serve customers while continuing to create high-quality opportunities in Ohio."