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EdgeConnex receives tax exemption for \$1B data center project in New Albany



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EdgeConnex is converting a New Albany warehouse into a data center as part of a multi-phased project.

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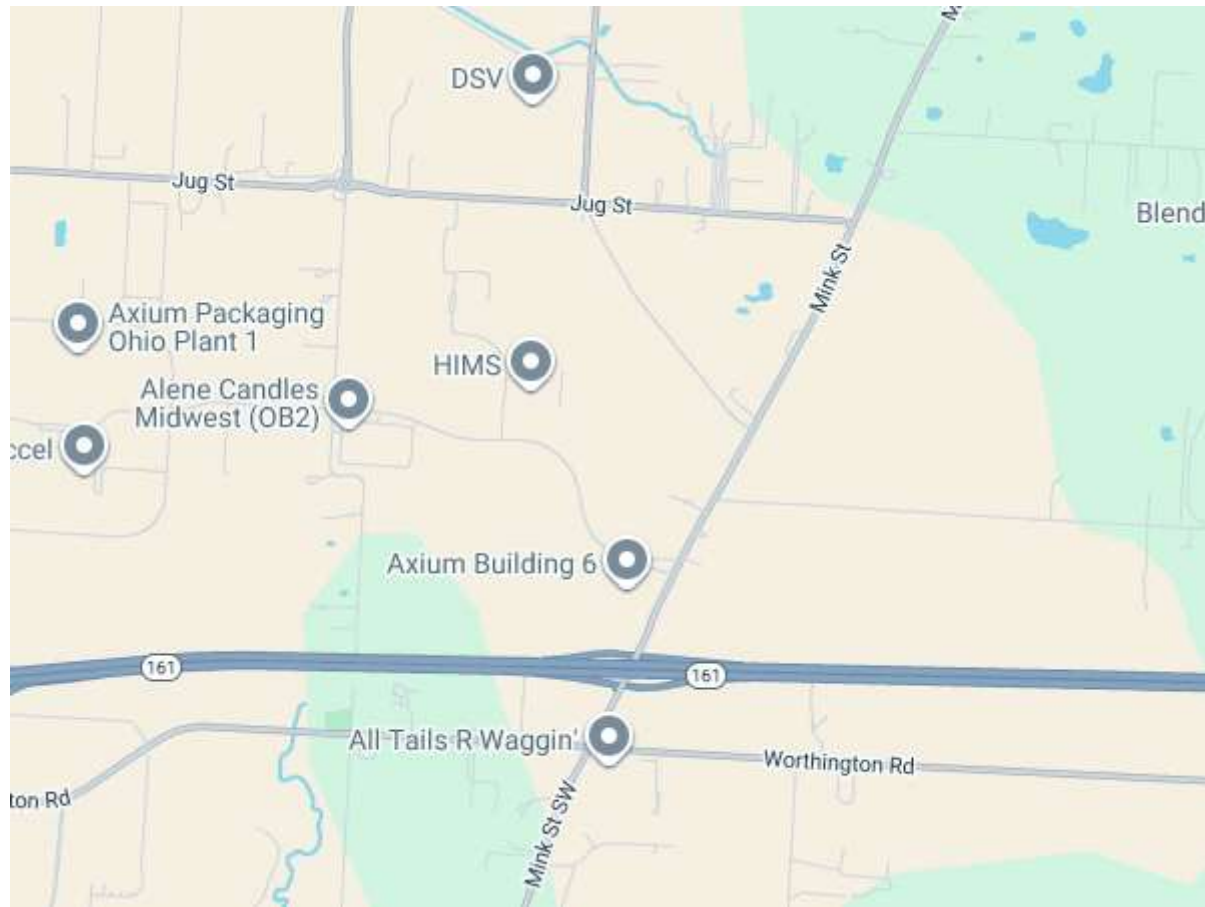
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Data center company EdgeConnex was awarded a state incentive for a \$1 billion project in New Albany.

The Herndon, Virginia-based firm Monday landed a 10-year, 50% data center tax exemption from the Ohio Tax Credit Authority. The \$36.25 million incentive will allow EdgeConnex to claim a tax exemption on sales and use taxes associated with data center equipment purchases, according to the state.

The tax credit agreement requires the company to maintain operations at the project location for at least 13 years. The term of the exemption starts on Jan. 1, 2026 and continues through the end of 2035.

The proposed project includes the construction and operation of a multi-phased data center development spanning more than 1.2 million square feet. In phase one, the company will convert an existing 525,000-square-foot building at 9850 Innovation Campus Way into an 80-megawatt data center. It is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2027.



EdgeConnex bought the facility from VanTrust Real Estate in March as part of a [\\$137 million deal for multiple properties](#) on Clover Valley Road, Innovation Campus Way, Mink Street and Jug Street Road in New Albany and Johnstown. The parcels total approximately 74 acres.

The first phase also will include an on-site energy center with outdoor, gas-fired generators. That portion of the project is projected to be completed in April 2026.

In phase two, the firm plans to construct two new 72-megawatt facilities. That includes a 700,000-square-foot data center building and an 80,000-square-foot energy center housing gas-fired generators, which will be completed by the third quarter of 2027.

EdgeConnex expects to create 32 full-time jobs as a result of the project. Those positions will generate \$4 million in new annual payroll by the end of 2028.

A batch plant supplying concrete for the work associated with both phases also will be developed on a 12.6-acre site at 2675 Clover Valley Road NW. The property was home to Kennel Club USA until it vacated the premises in the summer. The kennel building will be demolished to make way for the plant.