

Google Moves to Michigan

Firm is Seeking 200,000 Square Feet in Ann Arbor

Ann Arbor - Google, Inc., announced it will open an Ann Arbor office, bringing 1,000 high-tech jobs to Michigan, at a press conference on July 11, 2006 in Lansing.

A Phoenix-based site selection firm contacted the Michigan Economic Development

Corp. in spring 2006, and the Washtenaw Development Council subsequently got involved.

Confidentiality was a high priority early in the process.

"As chair of the Washtenaw Development Council, I was alerted to the press conference a week before," said Bill Milliken, who is also currently president of the Michigan Commercial Board of REALTORS®. "I was told it was an event the governor

would probably attend. Otherwise, I knew no details."

The site selection firm, in concert with the WDC, will be looking for up to 200,000 square feet. Google plans to begin operations in fall 2006.

One of Google's co-founders, Larry Page, is a Lansing native and a University of Michigan graduate.



Milliken speaks while Gov. Jennifer Granholm and David Fischer, director of online sales & operations at Google, look on at the press conference