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Cummins readies for expansion

Manufacturer looks set to bring back-office work to Opryland area [Updated: With job numbers, lease info]

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Updated 6/17: Cummins Inc. will open an consolidated customer care center in 40,000 square feet of space in Two Rivers Corporate Centre by the end of the year, adding more than 200 new jobs.

As originally reported:

Cummins Inc. will be expanding its Nashville operations.

A news release from Mayor Karl Dean's office touts "an important economic development" announcement at Two Rivers Corporate Centre, just north of the Opryland complex, for Thursday morning. While that announcement does not disclose the nature of the announcement, **a second e-mail** sent to stakeholders in the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce's Partnership 2010 initiative indicates that a representative from Cummins Inc. will join Mayor Karl Dean and Chamber CEO Ralph Shultz.

Cummins already operates a facility on Elm Hill Pike. The company today also **announced** it will supply the next-gen crankcase ventilation system for truck maker Navistar's new engine.

Two Rivers Corporate Centre is owned and leased by Floyd Schechter's SmartSpace, which converted the former Factory Stores of America outlet mall into a back-office campus early this decade. Schechter last year **recruited an insurance claims company** into about 14,000 square feet. Comcast and retailer Kirkland's are among the other tenants in the building.



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