



Office Depot expands in Austin, ups workforce

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The first crop of workers showed up to start work today at [Office Depot](#)'s new sales office, which will ultimately employ about 200 when it's finished out.

Earlier this year Office Depot decided to put the office in Austin over four other cities also on a short list. It was lured, in part, by \$75,000 of [incentives from Williamson County](#) and \$300,000 in [incentives from the state](#).

The sales center is not affiliated with the company's retail branches, and instead serves large business customers mostly via outbound calls.

On Monday, 40 new employees checked into the Northwest Austin call center at on Amberglen Boulevard near West Parmer Lane in the Amber Oaks office park. Office Depot plans to ultimately hire about 200 employees once it finishes the build out of the 50,000-square-foot office.

"We plan to be at 130 employees by the end of April," said [Chris Edler](#) vice president of inside sales at Office Depot. He said the center is projected to generate \$400 million annually for the company.

Office Depot was drawn to Austin because of its talented workforce, Elder said.

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