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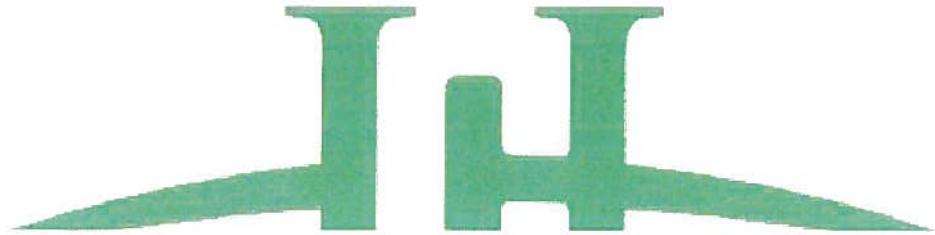
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Officials celebrate Hollis Cobb's expansion plans in Gwinnett Place CID

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An accounts receivable management company is growing its presence in the Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District, officials announced this week.

Hollis Cobb Associates is moving into a 27,000-square-foot facility at the Satellite Place property on Satellite Boulevard to have space for its growing workforce at its regional headquarters. The company, along with the Gwinnett Chamber's Economic Development arm, said the expansion is expected to bring "hundreds of new jobs" to Gwinnett County.

It already employs 160 people in the county.

"Establishing a foothold in the Gwinnett Place location builds upon Hollis Cobb's strategy of committing to locations with quality employees who can best serve our clients," President and Chief Executive Officer of Hollis Cobb President and CEO Greg Hocutt said in a statement.

"Gwinnett County is a leader in quality workforce and we have found this to be invaluable to our organization."

The announcement comes a few months after Gov. Nathan Deal announced Kaiser Permanente will open a new member services center in the CID this fall. That center is expected to eventually bring 800 jobs to the county.

Gwinnett Place CID Executive Director Joe Allen called the news about Hollis Cobb "another major announcement" for the district in the wake of the Kaiser Permanente news.

"Companies such as Hollis Cobb and Kaiser Permanente moving here is testament to Gwinnett Place being an area where businesses can invest and grow," Allen said in a statement.



Commercial real estate agency, Jones Lang LaSalle, worked with state and local economic development officials, as well as Hollis Cobb on securing the deal. Agency Executive Vice-President Glenn Aspinwall said in a statement that Satellite Place's location and Gwinnett's quality of life played a key role in picking that location for the expansion.

"Gwinnett County and Satellite Place reap the benefits of its strategic and affordable office location with convenient access to major transportation corridors including I-85, SR 316 and more," he said. "There are also plenty of housing options, as well as dining and entertainment so people can truly live, work and play in Gwinnett."

Local officials said they were pleased by the expansion announcement, which comes on the heels of Hollis Cobb's acquisition of Healthcare Financial Services LLC in March.

"This announcement is yet another excellent example of how Gwinnett remains a strong draw for major corporations such as Hollis Cobb," Gwinnett Chamber Economic Development Director Andrew Carnes said in a statement. "Companies look to Gwinnett County as a prime location to better reach national markets and grow their business."