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GM Plans to Hire About 10,000 IT Workers Over Five Years

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General Motors Co. (GM), as part of its effort to increase its internal information technology abilities, said it will hire about 10,000 workers over the next three to five years.

The first part of that effort was announced today with GM saying it will hire as many as 500 people at a new computer center in Austin, [Texas](#).

While GM is still crafting its total technology hiring plan, "it's clearly a large base as you would expect from a global company," Randy Mott, GM chief information officer, told reporters today on a conference call. Asked if GM would be hiring more than 10,000 workers, he said it would be within "that range but less than that."

GM selected Austin because the Texas capital has a population with computer skills, the Detroit-based automaker said today in a statement. The Austin area is the home base to technology companies including [Freescale Semiconductor Ltd. \(FSL\)](#) and [Dell Inc. \(DELL\)](#)

"We look to the innovation centers to design and deliver IT that drives down the cost of ongoing operations while continuously increasing the level and speed at which innovative products and services are available to GM customers," Mott said in the statement. GM expects to open four centers, he said on the call.

The Texas center opened this week, [Alan Adler](#), a GM spokesman, said in an e-mail.

Mott was hired by Chief Executive Officer Dan Akerson in February. Akerson wants to update GM's computer and accounting systems as he reorganizes the company around global functions and brands, two people familiar with the thinking have said.

GM plans to bring most of its information technology work in-house, Mott has said. GM does about 10 percent of IT work internally. Mott plans to boost that to 90 percent.

GM gained 4.1 percent to \$23.37 in [New York](#), the highest closing price in more than four months.

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