

Big Stories from Texas 2014

The Largest Business Expansions and Relocations



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This representational report profiles major Texas business expansions located primarily in the state's largest metro areas, based on the announced size of investment and number of jobs to be created.

IT and High Tech

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1 Apple

Opens first phase at \$304 million Americas Operations Center in Austin

Apple opened the first phase of its planned \$304 million expansion at its Americas Operations Center in June 2014. The company is in the process of hiring 3,600 new employees, which will roughly double Apple's Austin workforce and make the Texas capital one of the company's largest bases of operations. In addition to Apple's main business operations, the company has about 100 employees at a microchip design center in Austin, which it acquired in 2010.



Apple's Austin facility



2 Patronus Data Centers

Invests \$250 million in data center campus in Frisco

In July 2014, Patronus Data Centers announced plans to build a four-building data center campus on a 35-acre site for over \$250 million in Frisco, north of Dallas. The Frisco-based data center development company was founded in 2013 with a seasoned management team composed of former executives from Digital Realty Trust and Cyrus.



3 Novartis

Plans to build \$35 million global data center in Fort Worth

Swiss multinational pharmaceutical giant Novartis, which owns Alcon Labs, announced plans in July 2014 to build a \$35 million global data center on Alcon's campus in Fort Worth to serve the company's North and South America operations.



4 Data Foundry

Plans to build \$35 million data center in Houston

Austin-based Data Foundry, a global provider of wholesale data center outsourcing and related services, announced plans in April 2014 for a 350,000 sq. ft., \$35 million data center in Houston. The facility should be completed in early 2015.



Data Foundry's Austin facility

5 Omnitrac

Relocates HQ from San Diego to Dallas, hiring 450

California-based software company, Omnitrac, announced plans in July 2014 to move its headquarters (HQ) from San Diego to Dallas, creating 450 jobs with \$10 million in capital investment. The company received \$3.9 million from the Texas Enterprise Fund to close the deal.

6 HID Global Opens new HQ and manufacturing facility in Austin

HID Global, previously based in San Diego, CA, celebrated the grand opening of its new \$50 million headquarters and manufacturing facility in Austin in



January 2014. The plant will make electronic ID and security systems and is expected to employ 276 workers when fully operational in 2015.

7 athenahealth Hiring 607 at new Austin software development office

In January 2014, Massachusetts-based healthcare IT company athenahealth announced plans for a major new office in Austin, which is expected to eventually employ more than 600 workers. The company's Austin investment will total approximately \$13 million.



8 Active Network Relocates HQ from San Diego to Dallas, creating 1,000 jobs

California-based Active Network announced in July 2014 that it will relocate its headquarters to downtown Dallas. The project will create 1,000 jobs and \$13 million in capital investment. The software company was awarded \$8.6 million from the deal closing Texas Enterprise Fund.

9 Dropbox Plans to hire 200+ at new Austin office

Booming San Francisco tech firm Dropbox made news in summer 2013 when it opened a new Austin office, with plans to hire 30. In February 2014, the cloud storage company announced plans to increase its Austin head count to 200 and invest more than \$5 million. In August 2014, the company revised its plans to hire over 200 in Austin.



10 Microsoft Plans \$80 million data center in San Antonio

Software giant Microsoft filed plans for a new \$80 million data center in San Antonio in February 2014. The facility should be completed in 2015.



11 Rackspace Plans to hire 600 at new Austin office

In July 2014, San Antonio-based Rackspace Hosting, a managed hosting and cloud computing company, announced plans to move almost 600 employees from an existing Austin office into a 194,000 sq. ft. location at Austin Community College's (ACC) new campus in the redeveloped Highland Mall in Austin. The move is part of the company's long-term plans to have 1,200 working at the ACC campus within 10 years.



ACC Highland Mall Campus

12 Websense

Relocates HQ from San Diego to Austin, creating 470 jobs

Cybersecurity software firm Websense announced in February 2014 that it will relocate its corporate headquarters from San Diego to Austin, creating 445 new jobs with a projected capital investment of more than \$9.9 million. In July 2014, the firm officially opened its new Austin

websense headquarters and said it expects to create 470 jobs.

13 Interactions Corp.

Expands Austin office, plans to hire 1,000 new workers

In April 2014, Massachusetts-based Interactions Corporation announced plans to hire 1,000 new workers in Austin by 2016. The high tech services company is expanding into the Austin office space that Rackspace plans to vacate when it shifts operations to the redeveloped Highland Mall in Austin.



14 Barclays Bank

Plans new global tech center, 500 new jobs

UK-based Barclays Bank, an international banking and financial services company, announced plans in August 2014 for a new global technology center in McKinney. The bank expects to hire approximately 500 within the next three years to staff the 40,000+ sq. ft. facility.



15 CVE Technology Group

Relocates HQ from New Jersey, creating 1,200 jobs

New Jersey-based CVE Technology Group announced plans in July 2014 to relocate its headquarters to Allen. The company is expected to employ 1,200 workers in the Dallas-Fort Worth area by 2016. CVE Technology Group is an after-market service provider of cellular handsets and consumer electronics. The company decided to relocate to North Texas because the region is a national center for the cell phone industry.



Aerospace and Aviation

BIG STORIES FROM TEXAS—2014

1 SpaceX Selects Brownsville for spacecraft launch facility

In August 2014, California-based SpaceX selected a location on the Texas Gulf Coast near Brownsville for a commercial spacecraft launch facility. The company plans to invest \$85 million and create 300 jobs. The facility's groundbreaking ceremony was held in September 2014, and it is scheduled for completion in 2017.

SpaceX designs, manufactures, and launches advanced rockets and spacecraft, and is the world's fastest-growing provider of launch services. The company also currently tests rockets at site in McGregor, Texas.



SpaceX

2 L-3 Communications Expands in Arlington

The L-3 Link division of top defense contractor L-3 Communications announced plans in early 2014 to expand its operations in Arlington, where it is headquartered. L-3 Link will invest \$17 million to renovate and build facilities. The company employs approximately 800 in Arlington and is engaged in activities ranging from software and advanced simulation technology development to training systems support.

3 Ameriflight Relocates HQ from California to Irving

California-based Ameriflight, an international air cargo carrier, announced plans in May 2014 to relocate its headquarters to the Dallas-Fort Worth airport in Irving. The move will occur over two years, and will double the number of employees and planes in Irving.



4 American Airlines Breaks ground on new \$88 million Fort Worth operations center



American Airlines

In July 2014, American Airlines broke ground on its new \$88 million Integrated Operations Control center near its Fort Worth headquarters. The facility should be completed in 2015 and is part of the airline's U.S. operations consolidation, which in turn is part of its 2013 merger with US Airways to create the world's largest airline. A total of 600 employees will be relocated from Pittsburgh, PA, where an existing control center will be closed, to the new Fort Worth facility.

Financial Services

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1 State Farm Insurance

Expands campus in Richardson, plans to hire up to 700

Fortune 500 company State Farm Insurance announced an additional building on its new 2 million sq. ft. regional campus in Richardson in February 2014. The complex of four towers, ranging from 13 to 21 stories, has an estimated half-billion dollar price tag. Scheduled to be completed by 2017, the new campus is part of the company's massive expansion plan to create a trio of U.S. regional hubs across three states. State Farm expects to add up to 700 employees in Richardson during the first phase of hiring.



State Farm

2 Charles Schwab

Expands in El Paso and Austin

In July 2014, California-based investment services giant Charles Schwab Corporation announced it will open a new operations center in El Paso and strengthen its presence in Austin. The two projects will create over 1,200 jobs with over \$230 million in capital investment in Texas. The company received \$5.95 million from the Texas Enterprise Fund to close the deals. *charles* SCHWAB

3 SafeGuard World International

Relocates global HQ from UK to Austin, plans to hire hundreds

Managed payroll and employment outsourcing firm, SafeGuard, previously based in the UK, relocated its headquarters to Austin in February 2014. In June 2014, the company announced plans to grow its headquarters' headcount from 14 to 400 new within five years.



4 Prudential Financial

Plans new center in El Paso, 300 new jobs

In April 2014, New Jersey-based financial services company Prudential announced plans to create 300 jobs at a new business and technology services center in El Paso. The facility will focus on serving veterans and their families and is expected to create 300 jobs. The Fortune 500 company received \$1.15 million from the Texas Enterprise Fund to close the deal.

5 GM Financial

Expands in Arlington, plans to hire hundreds

Global auto finance provider GM Financial purchased a 240,000 sq. ft. building in Arlington to expand its operations center campus in August 2014. The company plans to hire up to 900 new employees in the next three years. GM Financial is a subsidiary of General Motors and is headquartered in Fort Worth.

Chemicals

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1 Chevron Phillips Chemical Plans \$6 billion petrochemical projects in Baytown and Old Ocean

In April 2014, The Woodlands-based Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LLC, a joint venture between California-based Chevron and Houston-based Phillips 66, initiated its \$6 billion “Gulf Coast Petrochemicals Project” with a groundbreaking for its new ethane cracker at its Cedar Bayou Plant in Baytown. Also this year, the company began construction on two polyethylene facilities in Old Ocean. The combined projects should create over 400 permanent jobs in the Houston area when completed in 2017.



2 Formosa Plastics Plans \$2 billion petrochemical expansion in Point Comfort

Taiwan-based Formosa Plastics won EPA permits to expand its petrochemical facility in Point Comfort in August 2014. The expansion will bring over \$2 billion in capital investment and create 225 long-term operations jobs. The company will add a new ethane cracker and propane dehydrogenation unit, as well as two new gas-fired turbines to the existing chemical utility unit.

3 BASF Plans \$270 million investment in Beaumont

In June 2014, Germany-based BASF announced plans to invest over \$270 million to expand production capacity for key herbicides at its Beaumont facility. BASF is the world’s leading chemical company.



4 Sasol North America Builds new North American HQ in Houston

Sasol North America, an integrated energy and chemical company based in South Africa, broke ground in March 2014 on a 175,000 sq. ft. building that will house its North American headquarters. The building will cost over \$10 million and is scheduled for completion in 2015.



5 Dow Chemical Builds ethylene manufacturing plant in Freeport

Chemicals giant Dow broke ground on its new multi-million-dollar production plant in Freeport in June 2014. The project is part of Dow’s roughly \$4 billion performance plastics expansion on the U.S. Gulf Coast. Freeport is Dow’s largest integrated manufacturing site, with over 4,200 employees.

6 Nalco Champion
Plans \$45.4 million Sugar Land expansion, 860 new jobs

In July 2014, oilfield chemicals and services company Nalco Champion confirmed plans to build a \$45.4 million, 133,500 sq. ft. head-quarters and R&D facility in Sugar Land that will create over 860 new jobs.



7 Ingleside Ethylene
Joint venture plans to build \$1.5 billion expansion in Ingleside

Ingleside Ethylene, LLC, the 50/50 joint venture between Dallas-based Occidental Chemical (OxyChem) and Mexican chemicals company Mexichem, received regulatory permits for its new ethylene cracker in Ingleside in May 2014. The companies plan to build a \$1.5 billion facility at OxyChem's Ingleside complex near Corpus Christi, which is expected to create over 150 permanent jobs.

8 BASF and Yara International
Partners to build additional facility in Freeport

German chemical giant BASF and Norwegian agricultural and environmental solutions provider Yara International announced plans in May 2014 to build a "world-scale" ammonia plant in Freeport, outside of Houston. The plant will be built at an existing BASF facility with an expected annual capacity of 750,000 metric tons.

9 OCI
Plans \$1 billion investment at Beaumont methanol plant

Natgasoline, a subsidiary of Netherlands-based OCI, announced plans in late 2013 for a billion-dollar expansion at its Beaumont-area chemical facility. In August 2014, the company received regulatory approvals for its new additions, which will produce methanol and gasoline. The company expects to create 240 new jobs at the plant.

10 REXtac
Plans \$860 million petrochemical plant expansion in Odessa

In February 2014, cost estimates for Odessa chemical company REXtac rose about \$180 million to \$860 million for the expansion of its polypropylene production plant. The company expects to add 150 employees to its workforce.



11 Linde North America
Invests \$250 million to expand La Porte synthetic gas plant

As of August 2014, the Linde Group, a Germany-based producer of industrial gases, was continuing with a \$250 million equipment overhaul its La Porte plant. Construction should be complete in 2015. Linde, like many other chemical and industrial gas companies, intends to take advantage of the low price of natural gas from shale drilling in the U.S.

Energy

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1 Exxon Mobil



Exxon Mobil

Continues construction on billion-dollar, state-of-the-art Houston-area campus to house 10,000

In mid 2012, the world's largest company and the world's largest integrated oil company, Exxon Mobil, began construction on a \$1 billion state-of-the-art campus on 385 acres north of Houston. Irving, TX-based Exxon plans to relocate 2,100 employees from Virginia, as well as consolidating workers from Ohio and other Houston offices into the new complex. Approximately 10,000 employees are expected to work at the site by 2015.

2 Flint Hills Resources

Invests \$600 million in Corpus Christi refinery

Kansas-based Flint Hills Resources received regulatory approvals for a \$600 million project at its West Refinery in Corpus Christi May 2014. The facility will process domestic crude. Flint Hills is a leading refining, chemicals, and biofuels company.



Flint Hills

3 Valero Energy

Invests \$730 million into Houston and Corpus Christi refineries

San Antonio-based Valero Energy announced plans in early 2014 to upgrade two of its Texas refineries in order to process additional crude from Eagle Ford Shale. The company will invest \$390 million at its Houston refinery and another \$340 million at its Corpus Christi plant.



4 Anadarko Petroleum

Completes second office tower in The Woodlands, plans to hire 450

In early 2014, oil and gas exploration company Anadarko Petroleum completed construction on a \$180-million, 31-story office tower at its headquarters in The Woodlands. The building stands beside the company's existing 30-story tower and is expected to house 450 employees.



Anadarko Petroleum

5 Apache

Plans new \$197 million high rise HQ in Houston

Fortune 500 firm Apache Corporation filed \$197 million plans in September 2014 to build a 34-story office building that will serve as its new headquarters. Houston-based Apache is a leading oil and gas exploration and production company.

6 NGC Renewables
Plans to relocate North American HQ to Fort Worth, hire up to 300

In October 2014, Chinese-owned NGC Renewables announced that the \$96 million, 120,000 sq. ft. Fort Worth facility under development since 2012 as a new wind turbine plant will also add an R&D unit and act as the company’s North American headquarters. The U.S. subsidiary had been based in Los Angeles, CA. The Fort Worth facility is scheduled to open by year’s end and employ up to 300.

7 Phillips 66
Builds new Houston HQ campus, plans \$3 billion refinery investments

Spun off from industry giant ConocoPhillips in 2012, the now-independent oil refining company Phillips 66 broke ground on a new 14-acre Houston headquarters campus in late 2013. The \$71 million campus should be completed in 3 years. In February 2014, the company finalized plans for \$3 billion worth of capital investment at its Sweeny Refinery and Freeport LNG Export Terminal, both in Brazoria County, as well as infrastructure in Mont Belvieu.



8 OCI Solar Power and CPS Energy
Creating nation’s largest solar utility project, over 800 jobs

South Korea-based OCI Solar Power’s 400 MW development for San Antonio utility CPS Energy, begun in 2012 and scheduled for completion in 2016, is in the final phases. When finished, the project is forecast to be the nation’s largest solar utility project, creating over 800 new jobs, over \$1 billion in construction investment, and \$700 million in annual economic impact.



9 Calumet Specialty Products Partners
Completes \$70 million upgrade of San Antonio refinery

In February 2014, Indiana-based Calumet completed a 3,000 barrel-per-day expansion of its San Antonio refinery’s crude unit, enabling it to blend up to 5,000 barrels of gasoline daily. The company has spent nearly \$70 million upgrading the San Antonio facility.



10 Occidental Petroleum
Relocates HQ to Houston after splitting off California operations, breaks ground on Midland campus

Fortune 500 energy company Occidental Petroleum (Oxy) announced plans in February 2014 to spin off its California operations and relocate the company’s overall headquarters from Los Angeles to Houston. Oxy already employs around 2,000 at its oil and gas operations in Houston. In August 2014, the company broke ground on its Midland Office Complex, which will employ up to 600 and serve as the company’s center of oil and gas operations in the Permian Basin when completed in late 2015.



Advanced Manufacturing

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1 Toyota Motor North America Plans new \$300 million HQ campus in Plano

In April 2014, Gov. Rick Perry announced a \$40 million Texas Enterprise Fund award to Japan-based Toyota Motor, the world's largest auto manufacturer, to build a new state-of-the-art headquarters campus in Plano. The investment will create nearly 4,000 new jobs and over \$300 million in capital investment.



2 ASI & Toyotetsu Texas Toyota suppliers invest \$21 million in San Antonio

Two Toyota parts suppliers filed plans in early 2014 to invest a combined total of over \$21 million to build new manufacturing facilities at Toyota Texas in San Antonio. Toyotetsu Texas, an existing supplier, plans a \$4.7 million expansion while Illinois-based ASI plans to spend \$16.6 million on a new manufacturing facility.



TOYOTETSU

3 Encore Wire Plans \$30 million expansion, 125 new jobs

McKinney, TX-based Encore Wire announced a \$30 million expansion at its McKinney headquarters in July 2014, in conjunction with its 25th anniversary. The company, a provider of electrical wire and conduits for commercial industrial and residential use, also announced plans to hire an additional 125 workers.



ENCORE WIRE
CORPORATION

4 Allergan Plans \$10.6 million expansion in Waco

Specialty pharmaceuticals giant Allergan announced a \$10.6 million expansion at its Waco manufacturing facility in February 2014. The California-based Fortune 500 company is expected to create 20 to 30 new jobs, in addition to the existing approximately 640 jobs.



5 Ottobock Healthcare Relocates NA headquarters to Austin

Germany prosthetics company Ottobock HealthCare announced in March 2014 that it will relocate its North American (NA) headquarters from Minnesota to Austin, TX. The move is expected to bring 110 jobs and \$4.6 million in investment to Texas.

6 Schneider Electric Plans to expand El Paso plant, hire nearly 200

France-based Schneider Electric announced plans in July 2014 to expand its existing El Paso plant to house a new power control business line. The project will create 193 new jobs and \$7 million in capital investment. The company received a \$750,000 Texas Enterprise Fund award to close the deal.

7 FMC Technologies Breaks ground on phase one of its 173-acre headquarters campus in Houston

Fortune 500 company FMC Technologies began construction on phase one of its new, multi-million dollar, 173-acre headquarters campus in Houston in early 2014. The company employs approximately 3,700 in the Houston area and plans to consolidate all area operations to the new campus within the next ten years. Houston-based FMC is a leading global provider of technology solutions for the energy industry.



8 Weatherford International Opens \$100 million oilfield services equipment plant in Katy

In January 2014, Switzerland-based Weatherford opened its new oilfield services equipment manufacturing plant in Katy. When fully operational, the facility may employ 500. Weatherford is a leading oil and gas products and services company with its U.S. headquarters in Houston.



9 Alamo Tube Builds \$62.5 million oilfield-related pipe mill near San Antonio

Houston-based Alamo Tube announced plans in July 2014 to build the country's first tubing specific OCTG pipe mill and finishing facility in Elmendorf, just south of San Antonio. The facility's output will employ over 200 and support production in nearby Eagle Ford Shale.



10 Braskem SA Builds \$34 million plastics plant in La Porte

Brazil-based Braskem SA, ranked as the largest thermoplastics resins producers in the Americas, announced plans in June 2014 to build a \$34 million plant manufacturing ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene (UHMWPE) at its site in La Porte, near Houston. The new plant should be completed in 2016, near a resin manufacturing facility the company operates. Braskem's UTEC-branded UHMWPE is stronger than steel and used across industries, including automotive and construction.



Braskem

Food Processing

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1 Sanderson Farms

Builds new poultry processing complex to employ 1,000 in Palestine area

In 2014, Mississippi-based chicken processor Sanderson Farms continued construction on its new \$124 million poultry complex in the Palestine region. At multiple area sites within the complex, the company is building a feed mill, hatchery, and processing plant. The project is expected to employ 1,000 when operational in 2015.



2 Siro Group USA

Builds new specialty foods plant in Seguin

Siro Group USA, a subsidiary of Spain-based food giant Grupo Siro, received an \$800,000 Texas Enterprise Fund award in October 2014 to build a manufacturing facility that will employ over 200 and provide \$58.5 million in capital investment. The company produces baby food, cookies, pastries, pasta, frozen desserts, bread, and cereals, with more than half of its total output sold to retailers as private label products.

3 Goya Foods

Opens new bean canning plant in Brookshire, to employ 300

In April 2014, Latin-food maker Goya opened a new 320,000 sq. ft. bean cannery and distribution center in Brookshire. Located 35 miles west of Houston, the \$30 million facility is expected to employ 300 workers. The plant is New Jersey-based Goya's second cannery in the U.S.



4 Ruiz Foods

Plans \$20 million expansion

A year after announcing a major \$45 million expansion at its Denison, TX plant, California-based Ruiz Foods announced a \$20 million expansion at the facility in June 2014, which will create 150-175 new jobs in addition to the 70 jobs previously announced. The company produces frozen Mexican foods.



5 MillerCoors

Plans \$22.5 million Fort Worth brewery upgrade

Illinois-based MillerCoors announced \$22.5 million in capital improvements for machinery upgrades at its Fort Worth brewery in March 2014. The company is a major U.S. beer brewery, selling brands including Miller, Coors, and Molson Canada.



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