

Leaders celebrate GE's "big day" in Cincinnati

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By Bowdeya Tweh

It took months to negotiate the deal and haggle over economic incentives needed to land General Electric Co. and 2,000 potential workers at The Banks in downtown Cincinnati.

On Tuesday, state and local leaders stopped to celebrate Southwest Ohio's major economic development win and praised the Connecticut-based company for expanding job counts and investments in the state.

"It was a tough competition," Gov. John Kasich said. "They could have gone a lot of different places, and I think that the DNA of Cincinnati was a great help."

Kasich praised JobsOhio for "finding creative ways" to land GE's U.S. Global Operations Center here and the work of county and local leaders. The state provided at least \$51 million of a more than \$100 million incentive package. The governor also hinted the competition isn't over to land more GE jobs, saying the company could exceed its current pledge of 1,400 new positions in Ohio.

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GE sets up office downtown to prep move to The Banks

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By Tom McKee

CINCINNATI – State and local leaders celebrated with GE officials Tuesday when the company made the official announcement that it is building a new global operations center at The Banks.

GE leaders took a selfie of the moment with Ohio Gov. John Kasich and U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown.

Kasich applauded everyone and everything that contributed to the deal, first reported June 22.

"The quality of the people here, the DNA, the work of Jobs Ohio, the fact that this community was so excited and welcoming this expansion, the fact that we're stable, we're strong, the future is bright - all those things come together to create this," Kasich said.

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GE celebrates The Banks project with Kasich

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By Howard Wilkinson

General Electric, a week after it announced it would build its Global Operation Center at The Banks, held a celebration today in their temporary headquarters with Gov. John Kasich and a host of elected officials and community leaders who had a hand in bringing the center to Cincinnati.

Cincinnati City Council and the Hamilton County commissioners approved packages of tax incentives to nail down the deal. Kasich's private, non-profit development firm, JobsOhio worked for months with GE officials to convince them to bring the operations center here.

It is expected to bring nearly 1,800 jobs with an average payroll of \$142 million per year.

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