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**Kasich announces tax break to keep Diebold here**  
**Canton, Green in running for new consolidated headquarters**

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GREEN — Diebold said Tuesday it had considered moving its headquarters and most of its local offices out of Ohio, but it would instead consolidate five of its seven area locations at a yet-to-be disclosed site in the Akron-Canton area.

Gov. John Kasich appeared at Diebold's headquarters here Tuesday afternoon to announce that the company had accepted his administration's offer of a \$56 million package of tax credits, loans and grants to induce the company to stay.

"For the folks that are located in Akron, Canton (and) Green, this is a big save," said Kasich.

Diebold President and CEO Thomas W. Swidarski said, "If it wasn't for the governor's aggressive stand and stepping up through this legislation, Ohio would not have been competitive enough for Diebold to remain here."

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Diebold spokesman Mike Jacobsen said the company, a manufacturer of ATMs and bank security systems, has about 16,000 employees worldwide and about 1,900 in Green, Canton and Jackson Township. It wants to consolidate about 1,500 employees now in five facilities at a new campus because its buildings are aging and employees could better collaborate and host clients at one location.

The company expects to spend \$105 million on constructing the campus and other consolidation costs, and hopes to break ground in a year. The company says no one would be laid off as a result of the consolidation.

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