

## Caterpillar deal two years in the making

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CLAYTON — It didn't take long for John Boggess to comment on the coincidence of Caterpillar Logistics locating its distribution center outside his office window at the Miami Valley Career Technology Center's new administration and adult education building.

"They'll have a job-training center literally next door," the CTC superintendent said. "And we're using their equipment right across the road in our heavy equipment program."

Landing a 1.5 million-square-foot building and 500 new full-time jobs was not an overnight happening.

"We have been working on this for at least two years," Mayor Joyce Deitering said.

And keeping very quiet about it. Only when the item appeared on a state agency agenda last week did word leak out.

The economic downturn had brought the project to a screeching halt last year. The multinational company restarted the project several months ago. And the project's scope is staggering from the city's prospective.

"It's the biggest thing that ever happened to Clayton — city or village," said councilman Bob Peters, who has served nearly three decades on the village and city councils.

"This will be Caterpillar's second largest distribution center in the United States," said Gwen Eberly, the city's economic development director. She said the facility will be used for some light assembly and distribution of parts. The company's largest distribution center is in Morton, Ill., east of Bloomington, Ill., on Interstate 74.

"Our proximity to the Interstate 70/75 interchange and the Dayton International Airport was a major factor," Eberly said. "The CTC's presence was a great asset also."

In October, the CTC opened its new building across Hoke Road from its main campus on 40 acres it owns next to the 143-acre Commerce Park. To fit the planned Caterpillar building, the city needed the entire Commerce Park, plus 20 more acres it purchased for \$500,000 from the CTC.

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