



Center in W.F. to bring in jobs

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West Fargo will soon be home to a technology center that community leaders say will bring in high-paying jobs.

Marcil Technologies, a software development company, is creating the West Fargo Technology Center in the Pioneer Center shopping plaza at 13th Avenue and Ninth Street.

Marcil Technologies is a labor and project management solution provider that started a few months ago in Fargo.

The first phase of the plan, expected to take three to four months, is to move the company into its West Fargo location.

The second phase, which will occur throughout the next year, is the construction of a 20,000-square-foot technology park and event center at the back of the Pioneer Center.

“This is a really early stage for what we think could be a massive build out on the other side of Ninth Avenue when the overpass comes in,” said Mike Marcil, CEO of The Marcil Group Inc., a Fargo-based diversified operating company that deals in real estate, technology and other related businesses.

Marcil Technologies is a spin-off of The Marcil Group.

The entire project is expected to bring in 28 to 40 jobs that pay in the \$55,000 to \$100,000 range. They will be intellectual property-related jobs such as software development and sales.

The center will be oriented to small technology and software companies.

“This type of project is very, very important,” said Gov. John Hoeven. “It is about economic development. It doesn’t just happen. We have to make it happen, and we have to be committed to it.”

West Fargo Mayor Rich Mattern and members of the City Commission asked Marcil Technologies six months ago to invest in the city to address the need for primary-sector jobs.

“West Fargo understands that diversity is the key to economic growth in the community,” said Dorinda Anderson, West Fargo business development director.

In its partnership with Marcil Technologies, the city will help with infrastructure investments.

“We at Marcil Technologies are very excited to be in West Fargo and are making a commitment to growing our software company in this city,” said Trish Bothum, Marcil Technologies managing director.

Mattern said the city discussed four or five years ago what it would take to bring in technology companies and has been working since then to make it happen.

“We just needed to find somebody that would step to the plate and make a commitment to come to West Fargo,” Mattern said. “It’s a partnership of the fastest growing city in North Dakota with the fastest growing company in North Dakota.”