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Massive \$1B Facebook data center starts construction in North Fort Worth

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Construction kicks off tomorrow in North Fort Worth on an almost \$1 billion data center for social media giant Facebook. The project in the AllianceTexas development has been rumored for months. Fort Worth officials wouldn't confirm who the huge data center was for, even after state documents pointed to Facebook. This afternoon Governor Greg Abbott's office confirmed that the 110-acre data center project near Interstate 35W is for Facebook. Abbott's office said he would be in North Fort Worth for the groundbreaking. The 750,000-square-foot data center will be one of the largest in North Texas. The project planned for North Fort Worth would start out with a 250,000-square-foot building and would be tripled in size over time. The data center in the works for North Fort Worth is projected to have about 40 workers. And Facebook's new complex outside Des Moines employs only about 75. Facebook – which has currently has more than 1.4 billion online users – currently has datacenters in Oregon, North Carolina and Iowa. It opened another facility last year in Des Moines.



Facebook's Fort Worth data center.

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