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Computer Maker To Create Jobs In Morrisville

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RALEIGH, N.C. -- The world's third-largest manufacturer of personal computers says it will create another 400 jobs as it moves from Research Triangle Park to Wake County.

Lenovo, which purchased IBM's PC division earlier this year, announced the additional jobs at a news conference Thursday.

Lenovo currently employs about 1,800 workers in RTP but in recent months had looked at moving those operations out of state.

Gov. Mike Easley said Lenovo's decision to remain and expand reinforces the fact that North Carolina is a leader in high-technology ventures.

Lenovo plans to open a technology center in Morrisville in early 2007 and move all of its RTP workers there. If the company completes its goal, it will have 2,200 workers.

State and local officials worked out an incentives plan with Lenovo that could cost taxpayers \$11 million or more if the company hires the 400 additional workers.

The average salary is \$70,000 a year.

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