
Send MetLife's 'regards to Broadway, remember it to Herald Square'

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MetLife announced that it will open a global technology hub in Cary, N.C., and create thousands of jobs there to complement its retail headquarters in Charlotte.

MetLife, Inc. announced that it is breaking ground in North Carolina's Research Triangle area for a new global technology hub.

The giant insurer's entry into Cary, N.C., coupled with its new U.S. retail headquarters in Charlotte, represents a \$125.5 million investment in North Carolina. MetLife has already invested \$1.2 billion in insurance funds in North Carolina housing, agriculture, commercial real estate, health care and utilities.

As announced last March, MetLife intends to create 2,600 jobs in North Carolina by the end of 2015, the largest employment initiative in recent state history. Over the next 18 months more than 1,000 engineering, development, app maintenance, IT risk & security and tech support positions will open, according to a release.

Construction on MetLife's new technology hub is slated for completion in 2015. MetLife is targeting LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) Gold certification or higher for the state-of-the-art workplace, which will feature an environment designed to facilitate collaboration and innovation. The campus will consist of 427,000 square feet in two 213,500 square foot office buildings with structured parking.

The buildings will be situated on 26.5 acres fronting the 520-acre Lake Crabtree, which is adjacent to I-40 and the nearby Raleigh-Durham International Airport. In addition, the campus will feature sprawling outside space including a great lawn, amphitheater, patio and places to engage in activities such as basketball and volleyball.

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