



## MCPc technology company signs lease to move from Strongsville to Plain Dealer building

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The Plain Dealer headquarters, at 1801 Superior Ave. in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, Ohio -- A Strongsville technology company has signed a lease and plans to move 165 jobs and its corporate headquarters to the eastern edge of downtown Cleveland.

**MCPc**, a provider of tech products and support services, will move in June to The Plain Dealer's office building at 1801 Superior Ave. The growing company, which is running out of room, wants to be centrally situated for customers.

"We're committed to Cleveland and bringing new jobs downtown and we're excited about being in the heart of it all," Beth Stec, director of corporate communications and human resources at MCPc,

said Tuesday. "I think the building is so beautiful and state-of-the art that our customers will love to come and visit."

The four-story Plain Dealer building, once nearly full, is roughly 70 percent occupied after several years of cost-cutting at the newspaper.

MCPc signed a 10-year lease with two five-year renewal options. The deal also involves expansion options, as the company expects to add at least 35 downtown jobs during the next five years. City and state officials have approved incentives for the MCPc project, which would involve about \$3 million in improvements to the offices and garage.

MCPc plans to fill about 48,000 square feet on the third floor that will include development of a 4,000-square-foot demonstration center. "It will allow customers to touch, see and test new technologies prior to making purchases," Stec said.

The company also plans to rent 49,000 square feet of the first floor of The Plain Dealer's parking garage and convert part of it into a technology and distribution center.

The 45-year-old company, which supplies information-technology services and equipment to businesses, has grown in recent years, particularly with international accounts. Annual revenues are nearly \$200 million. The privately held company employs about 340. Employees at MCPc's headquarters, where about 165 people work, make a median salary of \$50,000 a year.

"We're excited that MCPc has agreed to move 165 employees to downtown Cleveland and has chosen the Plain Dealer in which to do so,"said Bob Long, executive vice president for The Plain Dealer.

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