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AMD opens new Southwest Austin campus

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Advanced Micro Devices Inc. opened its \$270 million Southwest Austin campus Tuesday with a \$1.5 million commitment to preserve open space.

The Sunnyvale, Calif.-based company drew a lot of heat when it first announced its plans to build the campus in the environmentally-sensitive area, which sits over the Edwards Aquifer.

The campus measures 870,000 square feet and sits on 58 acres off of Southwest Parkway.

The company is distributing \$1.5 million among conservation organizations Westcave Preserve, Hill Country Conservancy and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. That completes AMD's (NYSE:AMD) \$3 million commitment to environmental groups that the company pledged when it began the project in 2005.

"Three years ago, we announced our plan to build a new campus closer to our employee base and made a promise to set a standard for responsible development," says Hector Ruiz, chairman and CEO of AMD. "We hope others will recognize the Lone Star campus not only as an example of our commitment to sustainable development but as a model for how to grow responsibly by partnering with communities."

AMD built its campus using environmentally-friendly materials and a sustainable design. The company's site plan also aimed to limit site impact and protect water quality. AMD intends to gain Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

Construction on the campus began in 2006, and includes four four-story buildings as well as its Lone Star building, which includes employee amenities such as a fitness center, cafeteria, gourmet coffee bar and gaming center.

Austin is home to AMD's largest nonmanufacturing campus. The company employs more than 2,500 people here.

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