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# CyrusOne plots new Austin data center

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A Houston-based data center service company has leased space in Austin for a new data center.

**CyrusOne** has leased 50,000 square feet in The MetCenter in Southeast Austin and plans to have its business continuity and disaster recovery services up and running by May. The company's data center space will come online by the third quarter of this year. CyrusOne has two facilities in Houston and three in Dallas.

CyrusOne specializes in corporate colocation, or data center services.

The company will bring 10 to 15 employees to Austin. CyrusOne executives said the company made the move to Austin because two of its clients, both in the energy industry, needed data center storage in Austin. CyrusOne declined to name those companies, saying one is in the Global Top 10 and the other is in the Fortune 500. Those two companies will not move employees to Austin.

"We have always been drawn to Austin because of the city's vibrant culture and expanding technology industry, as well as its proximity to Houston and Dallas," said David Ferdman, president and CEO of CyrusOne. "Now that we've created a strong and differentiated data center colocation platform that has great momentum in the Dallas and Houston markets, we are ready to finally bring a best-in-class data center option to the Austin marketplace."

Austin is also attractive because of its low cost for stable power, abundance of highly skilled technical labor, minimal risk for natural disasters, and predictable weather conditions, Ferdman said.

CyrusOne's customers include large Global 100 companies and technology service providers who have "mission-critical" applications running on servers, and require those servers to run at all times.

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