

# Tennessee software company plans 100 or more jobs in Austin

## *ESC develops software used by electric utilities to monitor emissions*

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**A Knoxville, Tenn.-based software company has opened an Austin office, where it plans to employ 100 to 150 people as it grows over time, a company spokeswoman said.**

About 10 to 15 employees of Environmental Systems Corp., or ESC, have been working for just over a month in temporary space on the second floor of Plaza 7000 at 7000 N. MoPac Blvd. (Loop 1), said Angie Droz, ESC's marketing communications manager, on Wednesday. Most of those workers are new local hires, with others having transferred from Knoxville.

ESC is in the process of finalizing details for its long-term space, with information about the location to be available soon, Droz said.

Initially, the new jobs will include software programmers and developers, Droz said. A pay range for the positions was not immediately available.

ESC employs about 85 people in Knoxville, Droz said.

The Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce announced Wednesday that the company was expanding its software development center to Austin. Chamber officials said the firm has been the industry leader for 40 years in environmental compliance software that helps organizations document and report their compliance with clean air and environmental regulations. The privately held company is owned by Minneapolis-based Churchill Industries.

After looking at a number of cities across the country, ESC chose to expand to Austin in part because of its "strong technology and software community, and commitment to the environment," said Jack Missimer, president of ESC.

"As we expand and continue to build products and services that make our planet and the communities in which we operate better places to live, we look forward to contributing to Austin and taking advantage of all that it has to offer," Missimer said, including its "abundant software talent, which will strengthen our resource pool."

Tim Crowley, 2010 chairman of Opportunity Austin, a chamber economic development initiative, said that as a leader in stack emissions monitoring software, ESC "develops and delivers innovative software solutions that help create a healthier environment."

The company's software currently is used primarily by electric utilities, Droz said.



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