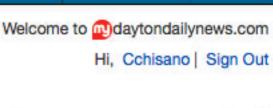
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## More than 100 jobs may be coming to Mound

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MIAMISBURG – Miamisburg officials are discussing the possibility of at least two businesses relocating to the city and and the expansion of a current one that could add more than 100 jobs.

Two firms - longtime Miami Valley companies - are talking about relocating to the Mound Advanced Technology Center, a 306-acre business park, Eric Cluxton, Mound Development Corp. president, said Wednesday.

Cluxton would not release the names of those businesses, but said one is in manufacturing and the other is an engineering firm. One is now in Miami Twp., he said.

Cluxton described them as "well-known names in the marketplace" that would bring about 85 jobs combined.

Cluxton said he "expects to reach agreement on lease terms" within seven to 10 days.

A current Mound tenant is discussing an expansion that would add 25 to 30 employees at the business park off of Ohio 725, he said. All told, the moves would bring 110-115 new jobs "with the anticipation to grow beyond that," Cluxton said.

Together, the three firms have salaries estimated at \$50,000 to \$60,000 per job, he said, with estimated combined annual payrolls of \$6 million.

The Mound group and the city recently agreed to share income tax revenue from the firms locating to the business park, a former nuclear weapons development site. The multi-year deal begins June 1, according to city records.

The business park now has 12 companies which employ 256 workers, Cluxton said.

Miamisburg Mayor Dick Church Jr. said last week city officials have discussed possible incentives for two businesses potentially locating in the city, with one expressing interest in the Mound business park.

The city is seeking \$200,000 from Montgomery County for Economic Development/Government Equity funds as part of defense contractor Gayston Corp. moving from 200 Advanced Drive in Springboro to Miamisburg, according to its ED/GE application released last week. Moving to 721 Richard St. would help the metals fabricator to create 25 new jobs at an average annual salary of \$42,000, the city said. About 70 existing jobs would be retained.

It was not clear Wednesday if Gayston was among the companies to which Church was referring and attempts to contact him were unsuccessful.

"There's always people looking around at various properties," said Miamisburg Development Director Chris Fine. "But nothing is final until there's a lease agreement or a contract."