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A Miamisburg business park has received a new certification that could mean new government dollars.

The 306-acre Mound Advanced Technology Center has been certified as an Ohio Job Ready Site, a grant-based initiative of the Ohio Development Services Agency which selects sites with opportunities for investment and infrastructure improvements. The Mound received \$1.2 million in competitive grant funds from the Ohio Job Ready Sites Program in 2011 to offset costs traditionally incurred in speculative commercial and industrial development.

With the designation, the park is on the short list from the state as a technical center and research site with virtually shovel-ready potential for development.

"What makes MATC even better is that we are able to leverage grants to offer businesses more competitive cost of ownership and lease options," said Eric Cluxton, Mound Development Corp. president.

More than \$1.1 billion has been poured into cleaning up the park over the past decade, and another \$32.1 million for site improvements, including the \$4.7 million new Vanguard Boulevard that crosses the site. Today, it has 11 tenants and more than 250 employees, including MeadWestVaco Corp. and Excelitas Technologies Corp.

Two other local parks have received this certification, Smart Offices at East Pointe Centre in Middletown and Nextedge Applied Research and Technology Park in Springfield.

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