

GOOGLE CUTS "SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER" OF JOBS



Menlo Park, California's Google has fired "a substantial number" of its contract and temporary employees, but did not reveal the exact number. In October, Google co-founder Sergey Brin said the company would reduce some of the 10,000 contractors on its payroll as a cost-cutting move. News of the layoffs comes in an SEC filing that Google submitted on paper last month, thus keeping the document out of the SEC's online database and off of other sites that track SEC filings. Although the filing doesn't reveal the number of contractors laid off, it does say that Google has 24,400 employees, 4,300 of which are temporary/contract employees and interns. A Google spokesperson said the 4,300 employees mentioned in the SEC filing are "subset" of the 10,000 Brin announced in October

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