

TRIBRIDGE CREATING 200 NEW IOBS DURING EXPANSION IN TAMPA



Summary: A small IT company in Florida is expanding in Tampa. Tribridge will create 200 new high-paying jobs by 2016 with grants received from the State of Florida and the Hillsborough County Commissioners.

Tribridge said it will create some 200 new jobs in the information technology sector as it expands its headquarters in Tampa, according to The Tampa Bay Business Journal. These jobs will double the workforce of the company and be in place by 2016, according to a release from the company.

"Tribridge is on a high-growth trajectory, and we are excited to recruit and develop experienced hires and new college graduates here in Tampa to meet the growing global demand for our technology services," Tony DiBenedetto said. DiBenedetto is the chairman and CEO of Tribridge. "We have been fortunate to receive tremendous support from the Tampa Bay community over the years, and we look forward to joining other local technology companies in not only building the next generation workforce but driving greater economic impact and innovation to the area."

The state of Florida is ranked third in the country for high-tech companies and the Florida High Tech Corridor is one of the top tech job hot spots in the country. The Florida High Tech Corridor is anchored by Tampa Bay.

Close to 20 percent of the IT positions in Florida are housed in the Tampa Bay metro area. IT jobs in the area have grown at twice the rate of overall average job growth and can be expected to grow by 10 percent over the coming five years.

Mark Sharpe is the chair of the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners. Sharpe said, "From a start-up company to one of the leading technology services providers in the country, Tribridge now employs hundreds of local residents, and we're proud to support its continued growth and expansion in our community."

A local incentive package between the Tampa City Council and the Hillsborough commissioners of \$200,000 was approved earlier this year. It goes along with an \$800,000 commitment from the state using the Qualified Target Industry program.

The mayor of Tampa, Bob Buckhorn, said the following in the release:

"Tribridge could have made the decision to locate these jobs anywhere, but they chose to do it in Tampa. That speaks volumes about the size and strength of our IT workforce, and proves that we can compete for high-tech jobs against any city in the country."

Allen Brinkman is the chair of the Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corp. Brinkman added the following in the release:

"The information technology industry is highly competitive, and communities nationwide are working hard to attract companies like Tribridge."

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