

## Sally Bane » City of Plano

Please tell us about any standout business expansions or relocations to your city in the past 12 months.

They include:

■ **Argus Software**, formerly known as Realm Business Solutions, relocated to Plano into 13,130 square feet at 2745 Dallas Parkway.

■ **Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas**, a division of Health Care Service Corp., leased an entire 114,655-square-foot,

one-story building at 780 Shiloh Road in the Research/Technology Crossroads.

■ **B&R Energy LLC** relocated its offices to Plano into 12,400 square feet at 5000 Legacy Drive in the Legacy Texas Bank Plaza. B&R Energy is an oil and gas exploration, drilling, operating, marketing and investment corporation.

■ **Dr Pepper Snapple Group Inc.**, formerly known as Cadbury Schweppes Americas Beverages, announced the relocation of its science and technology lab into 20,000 square feet at its existing headquarters at 5301 Legacy Drive.

■ **GE Healthcare Integrated IT Solutions** relocated its offices into 80,965 square feet at 6860 Dallas Parkway.

■ **Adams Golf Inc.**, founded in 1987, renewed its lease for its Plano headquarters in the Research/Technology Crossroads at 2801 E. Plano Parkway. It occupies 118,110 square feet and has plans to expand into 52,983 square feet at 2800 Technology Ave.

■ **Capital One Financial Corp.** began construction on its third building in its new corporate campus in Legacy business park. The new building, located at 8000 Dominion Parkway, totals 155,000 square feet and is planned for occupancy in the first quarter of 2009.

Is your city doing anything different to attract new businesses in this challenging economy?

The Plano Economic Development Board is creating a Web site designed to target business in external markets. It will be part of a larger campaign to showcase relocation and expansion opportunities in Plano.

### What incentives can your city offer to companies considering moving or expanding there?

The City of Plano offers economic development grants (Chapter 380 grants), tax abatement on improvements to real and business personal property and the freeport exemption. Economic development grants (Chapter 380 grants) can be considered for, but are not limited to: grants to provide a competitive advantage, foster relocation, encourage employment retention or growth and/or assist in public infrastructure improvements.

### What are some of the biggest projects on the horizon in the coming months?

■ **International Business Park** is a 300-acre master planned office park. In December 2007, construction began on another 173,500-square-foot office building at 6100 W. Plano Pkwy.

■ **Lincoln R&D in Legacy IV** began construction on three buildings in Legacy business park at 6500, 6600 and 6652 Pinecrest Drive. The multitenant office project, located at the southeast corner

of Tennyson Parkway and Pinecrest Drive, includes three buildings totaling approximately 179,200 square feet.

■ **Heady Investments** began construction on Park Center II, a 203,000-square-foot Class A office building and parking garage at 2500 Dallas Pkwy. located east of Dallas Parkway between Park Boulevard and Parker Road.

■ **Preston Legacy Center**, owned by Trindax Capital Group, is a 14.7-acre site located on the northeast corner of Preston Road and Legacy Drive. The property is planned as an upscale mixed-use center.

■ **Veritas Point** is a new multitenant office project planned at 7950 Preston Road near Hedgcoxe Road. A 100,000-square-foot building will be constructed for the first phase of the development. The three-story building will be developed by Commodore Partners Ltd.

■ **West Plano Village** has been announced as a mixed-use development located on the northeast corner of Parker Road and Dallas Parkway. When complete in 2009, the project will be 500,000 to 600,000 square feet of mixed-use space comprised of 175,000 square feet of retail and restaurants; 60,000 square feet of office; 250 residential units; and a 135-room hotel.

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A 200,000-square-foot mixed-use development is in the works for downtown Plano, adjacent to the DART rail line.



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