

Global Data Systems expands in LEDA's Northpark

Lafayette, LA—Officials with Global Data Systems (GDS) celebrated the company's expansion to a new state-of-the-art corporate headquarters facility in LEDA's Northpark, one of four business parks owned by the Lafayette Economic Development Authority (LEDA). GDS is a leading provider of telecommunications and technology solutions— designing and implementing end-to-end solutions for clients over a converged and secure network.

“This expansion truly is a team effort. Twenty-eight years of building relationships and friendships has led to today,” said Chuck Vincent, GDS Chairman and CEO. “We felt strongly that LEDA Northpark was where this facility needed to be located to best serve our clients. The GDS team and I are very appreciative of the support we've received from LEDA, LUS, and all of our vendors and partners who helped make this facility a reality. We could not do this alone.”

Some of GDS's clients with regional, national and global footprints are: Stallion Oilfield Services, LHC Group, Acadian Ambulance and the State of Louisiana.

The new facility features expanded satellite teleport capabilities and the first commercial Gen 2 Modular datacenter in Louisiana. The facility features a Tier 4 hardened datacenter, which allows GDS to offer a full suite of datacenter, telecommunications and on-shore/off-shore satellite teleport services to their clients world-wide. This is an expansion from a single dish, used while the company was located at the LITE Center, to three full dish arrays.

The new facility is 22,000 square feet, with an adjacent 1,500 square-foot datacenter and a 2,000 square-foot satellite teleport pad. In addition to expanding their footprint, GDS will grow their workforce by 44 employees.

“Global Data Systems is a vanguard technology company that has shown dedication and commitment to Lafayette through their continued growth and development here,” said Gregg Gothreaux, President and CEO of LEDA. “The jobs retained by GDS and the new ones that will be created continue to fulfill the original vision of Northpark as a hub for specialized, technical jobs.”

Northpark broke ground in 1983. In addition to GDS, Northpark is home to 10 other companies including: AMCOL, AT&T Call Center, Bluebell, Cintas, Coastal Environmental, FlightSafety International, Home Furniture, Louisiana Energy and Power Authority, RGB USA, and Sysco.