

Williamson County, Tennessee

Business Activity 2016

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1/1/2016	First Farmers & Merchants Bank	Franklin	Williamson	Relocation			First Farmers & Merchants Bank will build its third Williamson County office in the Berry Farms project being developed by Boyle Investments. The branch is expected to open its doors next fall and will be the 20th regionally for First Farmers, which has about \$1.2 billion in assets. The bank will be the second with a presence in the 600-acre Berry Farms — joining Franklin Synergy Bank — which sits at the corner of Interstate 65 and Goose Creek Bypass.	Banking & Financial
1/22/2016	Strategic Health Solutions	Franklin	Williamson	Relocation	50		Strategic Health Solutions announced today it will open in March a Nashville-area office and is looking to fill 35 positions.	Healthcare, IT
2/1/2016	Russo	Franklin	Williamson	Relocation			The Omaha, Nebraska-based national contractor, which does work for federal government entities such as the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Justice, did not disclose in a release the cost to get the new office operational or the person who will oversee it. Louisiana-based marketing agency Russo announced today it will open a Nashville-area office on Feb. 1.	Marketing
2/17/2016	WorkForce Essentials	Franklin	Williamson	Relocation		15,000	Industry veteran R.W. Alex Scott will oversee the office, which will be located at Highwoods Office Park at Cool Springs. The release does not note the cost to get the office operational. WorkForce Essentials Inc. has paid \$3.6 million for an office building in Franklin, where it will relocate its Williamson County location, The Tennessean reports.	Education
3/4/2016	CKE Restaurants, Inc.	Franklin	Williamson	Relocation	150	50,000	The new space, located at 118 Seaboard Lane, totals 15,000 square feet, compared to the group's existing 3,500 square feet of space on Noah Drive. It'll be another year or so before veteran developer Pat Emery will open his latest glassy Cool Springs office building, the one where the parent company of Hardee's, Carl's Jr. and other fast-food chains wants to locate its new headquarters. But that company, CKE Restaurants Inc., isn't waiting. The company and many of its top executives are already here, according to multiple real estate sources and county property records.	HQ
3/22/2016	RCCH Health Partnerst	Franklin	Williamson	Expansion			As we reported in December, CKE Restaurants is in negotiations with Spectrum Emery Inc. to lease 50,000 square feet or more within the forthcoming Two Franklin Park, a \$70 million building under construction at exit 67 of Interstate 65. In an office of that size, CKE Restaurants could fit more than 200 employees, given the amount of parking Emery is supplying for Two Franklin Park. State officials have said they anticipate awarding incentives to the company for moving here from its corporate offices in southern California and St. Louis. Franklin-based Capella Healthcare Inc. and Brentwood-based RegionalCare Hospital Partners Inc. announced plans Tuesday to merge under the name RCCH Health Partners.	Healthcare
4/4/2016	Stellar SEO	Franklin	Williamson	Relocation			Terms of the deal, with is expected to close during the second quarter of this year, were not disclosed. Combined, the company will have 18 hospital campuses in 12 states and \$1.7 billion in revenue.	Technology
4/6/2016	Takl	Franklin	Williamson	Relocation	40		Stellar SEO, a premier digital marketing agency, recently announced that the company plans to open a new office in Franklin, TN. Headquartered in Illinois, the agency specializes in search engine optimization, pay-per-click advertising, and web design and expects to open the Franklin office's doors on April 12, 2016. In 2010 Willis Johnson, after becoming fed up with California's high tax-high regulation business climate, moved the Copart HQ to Dallas and chose Tennessee for his retirement. He has made a multi-million dollar personal investment to launch Takl.	Technology
4/7/2016	Merrill Lynch	Brentwood	Williamson	Relocation		22,000	Once we're up and running in Nashville, we plan to expand to Clarksville, Murfreesboro, Chattanooga, and Knoxville. We will then look to other states. Within the next 60 days, we will employ 30-40 people at our HQ in Cool Springs.	Banking & Financial
4/8/2016	Horn USA	Franklin	Williamson	Expansion		101,000	Merrill Lynch has signed a lease for just about 22,000 square feet within the project, according to multiple real estate sources. That adds another high-profile name to the \$211 million development, which ranks among the largest underway in Williamson County A manufacturing company has paid a record price for a warehouse building in Franklin. The Tennessean reports that Horn USA Inc., which makes cutting tools for the metalworking industry, paid \$10.75 million for a 101,000-square-foot building at 1870 General George Patton Drive, which equates to \$105 per square foot.	Manufacturing
4/11/2016	Woodtex	Brentwood	Williamson	Relocation	13		Woodtex — a manufacturer of storage sheds, garages, horse barns and cabins — has quietly moved its corporate operations from Himrod, New York, to Brentwood. The company, which has operations in four different states, effectively made the move to Brentwood in March, according to a news release Monday.	HQ

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4/26/2016	Volkert Inc.	Franklin	Williamson	Expansion			Mobile, Alabama-based engineering services company Volkert Inc. announced today the Nashville-area operations of its newly created Volkert Global. With an address of 330 Mallory Station Road, the new entity will serve as an independent international affiliate to the parent company and will focus on servicing Volkert's "growing international client base." The release does not note the number of employees working from the new office.	Engineering
4/28/2016	Hilton	Franklin	Williamson	Expansion			Starting in 2018, business travelers to Cool Springs — which is Middle Tennessee's longtime corporate hub — will have another higher-end hotel at their disposal. Chartwell Hospitality is developing a 244-room Hilton that will sit between Boyle Investment Co.'s One Meridian and Two Meridian office buildings. Chartwell paid Boyle \$4 million for the hotel land this month, and plans to begin site work in June.	Hospitality
5/18/2016	Digital Reasoning	Franklin	Williamson	Expansion	189	50,000	The company will expand its current headquarters facility in Franklin. As part of its continued expansion, the cognitive computing company will invest approximately \$861,500 and create 189 jobs in Williamson County.	IT