
Frost to build \$50 million data center

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Frost plans to build a new \$50 million data center on a chunk of former ranch land in Westover Hills on the Northwest side.

“It’s our largest capital investment in the 140 year history of the bank,” said Frost CEO Dick Evans.

San Antonio-based Frost is building a 70,000-square-foot center on 10 acres of a 25-acre site it owns off Rogers Run Road. It’s also working closely with its general contractor, Constructors & Associates, and designers to preserve trees and use native plants on the site, Evans said.

The center, slated for completion in the fourth quarter of 2009, will have 175 employees, who will relocate from its two downtown headquarters buildings. It will contain Frost’s information technology and telecommunications resources. It will feature multiple safeguards to protect the company’s valuable data, Evans said.

“Data is so important in the world today,” Evans said. “This center not only fulfills our needs today but it has significant capacity as we continue to grow in the great state of Texas.”

Frost looked at sites all over Texas before picking Westover Hills for the project, Evans said. The area has solid infrastructure to support data centers including plentiful power, fiber optics and a stable environment.

In addition, the Frost data center will be able to withstand tornados with wind speeds exceeding 206 miles per hour, Evans said. It will also feature redundant electrical and communications services to make sure that it never goes down.

Frost is the banking, investments and insurance subsidiary of Cullen/Frost Bankers, with assets of \$13.7 billion. It operates more than 100 financial centers across Texas.