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Noblis agrees to extend its lease in Danville

Noblis Inc. announced today that it has agreed to extend its lease at 527 Bridge St., where it operates a Cray XMT 2 supercomputer and other big data processors. The company also intends to hire additional personnel. Read on...

Noblis Inc., a nonprofit science, technology, and strategy organization with a unique mission to solve complex scientific systems, process, and infrastructure problems in ways that benefit the public, announced today its intention to extend its commitment to maintain its Center for Applied High Performance Computing and related activities in its location at 527 Bridge Street for an additional five-year term. Noblis also announced that it intended to increase its personnel at the Danville site as recruiting success allows.

Noblis intends to install the next generation of big data processors to work alongside the Cray XMT 2 that was activated early in 2012. The growth of the center has been steady since Noblis first arrived in Danville, and the City has been very grateful for the numerous ways that the company has provided civic support. From the very first months of its presence, it has been a major contributor to the robotics program at George Washington High School, and more recently, Noblis has participated in programs for 6th Grade students in Danville's middle schools to entice those students to become more active in planning for a career in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. The company continues to explore ways to motivate the youngsters in Danville to become more accomplished scholars and to prepare themselves to work in the technology driven economy of the twenty-first century.

Also during the announcement event, Neal Morris, Chairman of the Industrial Development Authority of Danville that owns 527 Bridge Street, unveiled a plaque in memory of Dr. H. Gilbert Miller that will be permanently affixed to the wall of the entrance lobby to the building where everyone entering will see it. Dr. Miller was the Chief Information Officer of Noblis who brought Noblis to Danville and developed the Center of High Performance Computing in the IDA's building. Dr. Miller died suddenly and unexpectedly on November 8, 2015. It is the intention of the IDA to permanently commemorate Miller's contributions to the establishment of a major technology center in

Danville. His vision and his implementation of that vision will be a living tribute to his career.

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