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New tech center will pair companies, universities

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The newest addition to the Quantico Corporate Center is a technology center run by MTCSC Inc. that allows companies and universities to work together developing products for government clients.

The MTCSC Center for Technology in North Stafford will be a place where MTCSC can work together with its partners in academia and business to develop software products for defense clients.

The Quantico Corporate Center, which is located just south of the Marine Corps base on U.S. 1, is seeing a good number of defense contractors lease office space as the base prepares to add thousands of jobs in the next couple of years. The first 140,000-square-foot building is fully leased, and the under-construction second building of the same size has lease commitments on about 80 percent of the space. The Silver Cos., which is developing the QCC, has drawn up plans for a third building.

MTCSC already had about 33,000 square feet of space inside the QCC's first office building. The company's new technology center, when complete, will give it another 23,000 square feet.

The first phase, a 7,300-square-foot data center, is now done. The rest of the space should be done by midsummer and will give MTCSC's partners additional space to work together. MTCSC invested about \$4 million on the center.

Two of MTCSC's biggest clients are the Marine Corps and the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization. Among the company's business partners are Google, Microsoft, CommVault and VMware. The company has also discussed partnering with George Mason University, the University of Mary Washington and Virginia Tech.

George Hinckley, a senior advisor for MTCSC, said the new technology center allows smaller contractors to compete with bigger companies by working together.

The Spotsylvania Technology Center, which is spearhead by SimVentions Inc., has a similar concept. The STC, which is now operating at the Deep Run Office Park on Bowman Drive, is looking into purchasing a building in south Stafford, Spotsylvania or Fredericksburg.

"Today's defense work is all about collaboration between industry, academia and government," said STC Executive Director Bob Duffy.

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