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E-commerce giant to hire 1,000 in new San Marcos facility

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Amazon.com Inc. — the largest retailer in the world — has agreed to open a [fulfillment center in San Marcos](#), Texas, with plans to hire up to 1,000 people when it reaches full capacity.

The 855,000-square-foot facility, which will be the online retail giant's fifth in Texas and about as big as a mall, will begin construction at the end of 2015 and is expected to open in 2017. It will hire 350 people upon opening.

"We have found a dedicated and enthusiastic workforce in Texas that has supported our growth throughout the state," [Mike Roth](#), Amazon's vice president of North American operations, said in a statement. "Additionally, over 350 Amazon associates, managers and support staff in Texas come from military backgrounds. These individuals bring valuable leadership skills, experiences and problem-solving abilities to our fulfillment center — it's a great match on both sides."

In July the San Marcos City Council [approved an incentives package](#) that featured a 40 percent reduction in city property taxes for 10 years.

The facility will be on [McCarty Lane](#) and will be the location where employees pick, pack and ship small items such as books, electronics and toys. It won't be far from a similar facility operated by Wal-Mart Stores Inc., which was recently topped by Amazon as the largest retailer.

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