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Global IT Company Announces New Knoxville Delivery Center

- *Global IT and business consulting company will invest \$27 million in Knoxville*
- *New location will create 300 new jobs*

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. – The state of Tennessee, Knoxville Chamber and University of Tennessee announced today that global IT and business consulting company CGI, Inc. will locate new operations in Knoxville.

After a two-year search process, CGI selected Knox County for its eighth U.S. IT delivery center, where it will invest \$27 million and create 300 jobs over the next five years.

The Knoxville location will become the newest member of CGI's innovative U.S. delivery center network that will help clients gain access to high quality, U.S.-based IT services, support and solutions. As a core element of its business strategy, CGI offers IT delivery options to its government and commercial industry clients.

CGI is partnering with the University of Tennessee, Knoxville on the launch of the IT delivery center and will be working with the university to engage students across interdisciplinary programs in colleges such as the Haslam College of Business and the Tickle College of Engineering. CGI will partner with the university to build a talent pipeline focusing primarily on advanced analytics, cybersecurity and digital transformation through emerging technologies for the new Knoxville facility.

CGI will seek job candidates with software development, business analytics and other in-demand technology skills. Hiring will begin in March 2021 and interested candidates can visit www.cgi.com/us/en-us/careers to learn more.

Over the last five years, TNECD has supported more than 10 economic development projects in Knox County, resulting in approximately 1,000 job commitments and more than \$148 million in capital investment.

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"Knoxville has developed a strong reputation in the technology sector and is a clear choice for CGI's newest IT delivery center. Our state has experienced positive economic growth over the past several months, and now more than ever, the creation of high-quality jobs remains a

priority for me as governor. I thank CGI for bringing new employment opportunities for residents in Knox County.” – **Gov. Bill Lee**

“Tennessee’s pro-business environment offers the resources and the workforce to support the needs of technology and R&D-focused companies. We are fortunate as a state to have a network of partnerships with institutions like the University of Tennessee that assist with advancing and building the talent pipeline these companies need. We appreciate CGI for choosing Tennessee for its eighth U.S. IT delivery center and look forward to seeing the impact the company will make on the region in the years to come.” – **TNECD Commissioner Bob Rolfe**

“We are proud to announce the establishment of a new IT delivery center in Knoxville that will create local jobs, engage regional educators, support area workforce development, and provide opportunities for the community’s students, graduates and professionals. After a competitive and wide-ranging search, CGI selected Knoxville based on a number of factors – most notably access to talent and a strong culture of innovation within the Knoxville area and the state of Tennessee.” – **Dave Henderson, CGI President of U.S. Commercial and State Government Operations**

“Knox County is committed to creating opportunities for everyone to thrive in an engaged and vibrant community by focusing on jobs, education and recreation. Further, we are committed to attracting and keeping good-paying jobs—like those CGI will provide—for our growing workforce and ensuring that all businesses feel supported by and connected to our community.” – **Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs**

“We are delighted that CGI has selected Knoxville for its newest IT delivery center. I’m especially excited by CGI’s record of connecting with communities and its plans to collaborate closely with UT. While new brick-and-mortar investment is always appreciated, even more welcome are the 300 new jobs being created and the unique opportunities that will enrich our students and young professionals.” – **Knoxville City Mayor Indya Kincannon**

“TVA and Knoxville Utilities Board congratulate CGI on its decision to locate operations and create hundreds of new job opportunities in Knoxville. Helping to foster job creation and investment in the Valley is fundamental to TVA’s mission of service, and we are proud to partner with the Knoxville Chamber, Knox County, City of Knoxville and the University of Tennessee to further that mission.” – **John Bradley, TVA senior vice president of Economic Development**

“After working with CGI and their partners for nearly two years, the chamber team is thrilled to announce they are locating in Knoxville. Their new delivery center will create 300 jobs, engage regional education and support area workforce development. CGI is valuable addition to our community and a strong, new partner in driving regional economic prosperity.” – **Doug Lawyer, Knoxville Chamber vice president of Economic Development**

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About the Knoxville Chamber

The Knoxville Chamber is an economic prosperity organization committed to creating a vibrant, innovative ecosystem that considers the realities of today while preparing for the demands of the future. Focused on its mission of driving regional economic prosperity, the team collaborates with investors and community leaders to position the City of Knoxville and Knox County as a preeminent location for companies to locate, operate and grow.