

## Innovative Workflow Technologies to locate facility in Henderson

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*Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear (R) talks with Innovative Workflow Technologies owner Bernie Hogan after a press conference announcing that the medical software company will be opening up a operation in Henderson employing approximately 40 people. (Gleaner photo by Mike Lawrence • 831-8346 or mlawrence@thegleaner.com)*

A company that produces software for hospitals is coming to Henderson, with the expectation of bringing 40 jobs paying as much as \$80,000 a year.

Innovative Workforce Technologies, or IWT, will be hiring software programmers, computer network technicians, data analysts and project managers at a planned \$2 million facility on Kentucky 136-West near the Henderson City-County Airport.

IWT has pledged to bring the 40 jobs — including five to 10 existing positions presently located in Evansville as well as new hires — within three years.

“But we’re growing very rapidly” and could create those jobs even sooner, President and CEO Linda Frank said.

IWT also will likely relocate its headquarters from Evansville to Henderson, although it will likely keep its office in Evansville open awhile, Frank said.

“I’m planning to move to Henderson — my office and me and my family,” company owner Bernie Hogan declared.

“What an exciting day for Henderson County and all of the Commonwealth of Kentucky,” Gov. Steve Beshear declared at an announcement attended by more than 100 business representatives and local officials.

“The ability to write (computer) code and create software for computers ... takes a great deal of education and a great deal of skills,” Beshear said, celebrating the creation of “40 high-skilled, high-paying jobs” to Henderson.

Frank said IWT pays programmers \$60,000 to \$80,000 per year, depending on their experience, and employs network technicians at about \$60,000.

IWT was founded in Evansville in 1986 as a health-care consulting company, Frank said.

It moved into software development in 2000, and now concentrates solely on creating computer programs that help nurses register patient information quickly; identifies available hospital beds;

turns TVs into interactive computers for patients; and merges computer data from various hospital departments, among other things.

The facility here also will house a data center housing computer servers for rural hospitals that don't want to maintain such equipment themselves.

The local airport was key to recruiting the company.