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Kitware celebrates grand opening of new headquarters in Clifton Park

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Clifton Park, NY According to governor Andrew Cuomo, Kitware celebrated the grand opening of its new corporate headquarters in Saratoga County, coinciding with the 21st anniversary of the company's incorporation. Kitware is a Capital Region-based software research and development company that relocated from Halfmoon to a larger facility that supports current and future growth.

"Kitware's expansion and investment in a new corporate headquarters in Clifton Park once again demonstrates New York State is open for business and a thriving hub for the tech industry," governor Cuomo said.

Kitware is investing nearly \$10 million to lease and outfit more than 43,000 s/f of office space at the new headquarters on Route 9. The new facility provides more desk space and lab space for employees, and over 7,000 s/f of open areas for software training courses, hackathons and company events. To support and encourage the expansion, Empire State Development has offered up to \$400,000 in performance-based Excelsior Jobs Program tax credits for the creation of 41 new jobs. Kitware is currently on track to hire at an estimated growth rate of 10% per year.

Empire State Development president CEO and commissioner Howard Zensky said, "Kitware is a global company and its decision to expand and create high-tech jobs in the Capital Region is a testament to the area's world-class talent and New York State's strategic support for building the innovation economy."

Kitware president, CEO and co-founder Lisa Avila said, "We are thrilled with our new headquarters and want to sincerely thank all who made this move possible, especially Empire State Development, Abele Builders, the town of Clifton Park IDA, Spatial Solutions, Bast Hatfield, Central New York Electrical Contractors and FASTSIGNS. Today's grand opening gives us a chance to show off some of the amazing technology we develop here at Kitware and our equally amazing office space that truly enables our collaborative research efforts."

Saratoga County Board of Supervisors chairman Kevin Tollisen said, "Saratoga County is very fortunate that Kitware is located in our county and continues to invest their talent and resources in providing software research and expert computer advice for the betterment of our region and state."

Their mission in working with small businesses to Fortune 500 companies is certainly a testament to their success and a model for continued economic growth."

Town supervisor Phil Barrett said, "Clifton Park is pleased to be home to the new headquarters for Kitware, Inc. Kitware is a Southern Saratoga County success story and the company has grown exponentially from its founding in 1998. With more than 100 team members in Clifton Park at the international software developer, this displays Clifton Park's leadership and ability to attract opportunities for hard working people that want to remain in New York. The Kitware Headquarters is another successful redevelopment project in Clifton Park's Exit 9 Commerce Area, creating value for our town while retaining highly attractive jobs for the future."

Kitware is an open source software technology company founded in the Capital Region in 1998. The company has grown from five founders in a New York State office to a staff of more than 180 people with additional offices in New Mexico, North Carolina, Virginia and France. Its portfolio of services includes data and analytics, high-performance computing, scientific visualization, medical computing, computer vision and software process development, with customers in academia, government and various industries.

Kitware specializes in open source software, which utilizes licenses that allow others to freely use, modify and redistribute source code. Through the open-source model, the company can focus on innovation and deliver cost-effective, tailored solutions to customers. Researchers, developers, scientists, engineers and clinicians around the world use such solutions in fields including healthcare, national security and energy.

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