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Navistar set to begin work on second South Side campus

The more than 200,000-square-foot site will house the Illinois-based company's Advanced Technology Center

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Navistar Inc. is expected to begin work soon on its second South San Antonio campus, which will house its new Advanced Technology Center.

The nearly \$10.2 million project will span more than 206,000 square feet and be home to the Illinois-based company's engineering, testing and valuation operations in support of its roughly 900,000-square-foot manufacturing campus currently under construction nearby.



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Work is progressing on the construction of Navistar's truck production campus in South San Antonio.

 The ATC site, previously occupied by Haliburton, is roughly eight miles from the planned assembly facility, which is expected to be operational by 2022. The 150-acre parcel is near Loop 1604 and Interstate 37 and includes several existing buildings.

The project will include the renovation of those existing buildings as well as other infrastructural improvements needed to accommodate the new center. That work is expected to be completed by fall 2022.

Between the two campuses, Navistar's investment in South San Antonio is projected to be about \$275 million.

I reported in February that Navistar had acquired the second site.

"We're increasing our investment in San Antonio because local and state leaders have created a business climate that supports manufacturing innovation and has attracted a talented workforce," Navistar president and CEO Persio Lisboa said.

Tom Long, chief development officer for the San Antonio Economic Development Foundation, which was heavily engaged in the recruitment of Navistar, said the second campus is expected to house more than 60 new engineering, technician and procurement employees.

Phil Christman, president of operations for Navistar, said the expanded footprint in San Antonio will allow the company to dedicate space for new technologies, including self-driving and connected vehicles. It will also support Navistar's growing investments in electrification and fuel cells.

Meanwhile, as Navistar is preparing to develop a second campus in South San Antonio, it's making significant headway on the first.

Construction crews have completed the steel erection work on all major buildings, including the general assembly, body shop, paint shop and logistics center structures.

The truck maker has also received beneficial occupancy for multiple key buildings, including the general assembly structure.

Navistar's Breana Whalen said that's a "huge milestone" for the company as it allows suppliers to enter the building and begin installing equipment.

In addition, Navistar has hired its first round of hourly workers for its San Antonio operations. The company will continue to recruit for more hourly and also salaried positions.