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# Documents reveal design, site plan for Google Ops Center

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**An architectural rendering filed with the City of Southaven shows the Google Operations Center will be adjacent to Interstate 55 (right). (Credit: A2H)**

The nation's first Google Operations Center will be a modern, one-story design with staggered sides and strips of glass curtain walls and skylights to admit natural light, architectural renderings show.

The 60,000-square-foot building will be placed on the west end of the nearly 10-acre property at 5665 Airways in Southaven, the site plan shows.

The tilt-concrete structure's position means the Google Operations Center will overlook Interstate 55, about 3.5 miles south of Memphis.

The Southaven Planning Commission approved on July 27 the proposed site plan for the nearly 10-acre project.

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### Google taps Southaven for first center of its kind in U.S.

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The building design is still undergoing some revisions, said Whitney S. Choat-Cook, Southaven's director of planning and development.

The Lakeland-based architectural, engineering and planning firm A2H designed the plans, documents show.

The nearest access from I-55 that would serve the site is the Church Road exit. The property is about a quarter-mile north of Tanger Outlets shopping center.

The site plan shows surface parking lots for 300 vehicles are to be built between Airways Boulevard and the building.

Green space divides the parking into three distinct lots, which are connected by drives and walks.

The site plan shows existing and newly planted trees and other landscaping will screen the development from Airways on the east, from the Terraces of Southaven Apartments on the north, and perhaps to some extent from I-55 traffic on the west.

Panattoni Development is developing the Google Operations Center, and will lease the site to Google.

Google announced in December that it would locate its first U.S.-based operations center somewhere in northwest Mississippi, and confirmed in July that the site would be 5665 Airways in Southaven.

The giant internet search-engine company plans to hire 100 people by the end of 2020, and open the center in Southaven in summer 2021.

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