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HP moves into Conway facility

Firm plans work force of 1,200 for office by '12

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Rock to Conway on Monday, officially opening the firm's \$28 million facility.

Estimates put the number of employees at around 400, though the Palo Alto, Calif.-based firm has not disclosed that. Hewlett-Packard also has declined to discuss its wage range, but Gov. Mike Beebe said when the company was recruited last year that salaries would start in the low \$40,000 range.

Landing Hewlett-Packard last year was one of the biggest economic development announcements in central Arkansas in years. The company promises to have 1,200 employees in Conway by 2012.

"These are jobs in the knowledge-based economy," said Kathy Deck, director of the Center for Business and Economic ...

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