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## UPS to open heavy-freight hub in June

1,500 part-time jobs added in Louisville

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UPS will have its new 700,000-square-foot heavy-freight hub at Louisville International Airport running by the first week in June and will be fully operational by the end of that month, company spokesman Norman Black said yesterday.

The company is in the process of hiring about 1,500 part-time employees for its airport hub operations as part of an \$82.5 million expansion.

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The first 54 of those newly hired workers start today in air-cargo operations. Many will undergo training prior to June, the company said.

The heavy-freight hub is being relocated from Dayton, Ohio as part of UPS' purchase of Menlo Worldwide Forwarding in December 2004. The freight operations are expected to employ



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UPS is adding about 1,500 part-time jobs in Louisville. (Courier-Journal file photo)

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about 1,000 within 10 years.

Louisville is the UPS hub for small packages and the company had a small air-freight operation. But the addition of the heavy-freight hub in Louisville stands to increase the amount of freight moving through the airport significantly

Dayton recorded about 1.57 billion pounds of cargo in 2004, according

to the most recent records available from the Federal Aviation Administration. About 8.8 billion pounds of air cargo, much of it UPS package shipments, touched down at Louisville International the same year, according to the FAA.

UPS has been hiring for positions including ramp workers, package sorters, air cargo personnel and administration. The jobs are 15 to 20 hours a week, start at \$8.50 an hour and those who work the overnight shift are eligible for a tuition-free education through the Metropolitan College program.

Black said the Dayton operation will close by June 30.

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