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Office Depot attracts 4,000 job seekers

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More than 4,000 people applied for jobs at the new Office Depot facility opening in Penn Township this month, according to company spokeswoman Melissa Perlman.

That is equivalent to nearly half of Cumberland County's entire jobless population, which totaled 8,800 people in the December unemployment report issued by the state Department of Labor and Industry.

Office Depot, based in Boca Raton, Fla., made the announcement last month about the 600,000-square-foot facility, which will employ about 250 full-time workers when it's fully operational.

Applications quickly poured in through a job fair that began Jan. 11 at the Penn Township Volunteer Fire Co. and the company's Web site.

"The hiring process is still going on as potential applicants are vetted," Perlman said.

Perlman said the Penn Township site, located at Key Logistics Park on Centerville Road, will be one of Office Depot's flagship locations, serving both as a distribution center for its retail stores and a cross-dock operation for its business-to-business customers in the Northeast market.

The Cumberland County facility will replace a distribution center in Luzerne County.

A Standard & Poor's 500 company, Office Depot generates revenues of \$14.5 billion annually. It has 42,000 employees worldwide and sells to customers in 49 countries.

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