



**From l-r (standing): John Koch, president of ADT North America, residential and small business, Ed Breen, Tyco International chairman and chief executive officer, and U.S. Rep. Allen West at the dedication of the new ADT North American headquarters.**

Following the signing of a new long-term lease in August and an extensive renovation effort, ADT officially opened its new North American headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla., on Monday.

According to Bob Tucker, ADT's director of public relations, the new facility will help improve employee collaboration and "set the stage for future growth."

"We think (the new headquarters) will enable us to have greater collaboration amongst the employees, be able to interface more often and do our work a little more efficiently," he explained. "We have 700 people now, most of them being in the headquarters of ADT North America and this will give us more space to increase our head count, probably by about 100 or so within in the next couple of years."

The company's old headquarters, which is located just down the road, will be leased to new tenants by the owner, according to Tucker. The new 117,000-square-foot facility, which consists

of a three-building campus will also house ADT Latin America, SimplexGrinnell and Tyco corporate employees.

In addition to a state-of-the-art security system that features over 120 different surveillance cameras, the new headquarters also contains energy-efficient lighting and ergonomic work stations that will allow employees to work while sitting down or standing up.

Tucker said that employees were also encouraged to participate in the interior design of the new headquarters and helped select such things as paint color, carpet color and wallpaper patterns.

About half of the company's employees including its IT department and commercial security business have already moved into the new digs with more expected to make the transition within the next couple of weeks, according to Tucker.

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