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MAYOR EMANUEL ANNOUNCES UNITED AIRLINES WILL BRING 1,300 NEW JOBS TO CHICAGO

This morning, Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced that United Airlines will bring 1,300 new jobs to Chicago, in an expansion of the airline's operations in the city.

"I promised to foster a business climate that attracts and retains the greatest companies in the nation," said Mayor Emanuel. "I am happy to announce that United has substantially increased their commitment to the city of Chicago, by bringing these jobs to the hardest working people in America."

Mayor Emanuel made the announcement alongside United Airlines president and CEO Jeff Smisek, on the 10th floor of the Willis Tower, where many of the United Airlines employees will be working.

"As Chicago's hometown airline, United is pleased to announce that we are bringing an additional 1,300 jobs downtown from locations throughout our system by the end of 2012," said Smisek.

"Mayor Emanuel recognizes the importance of keeping Chicago competitive with other cities and expanding job growth here, and we look forward to working together with him and his team."

The new jobs will be positions that support the United's global operations.

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