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### Vesta Corp. to open Irish operations center

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Payment verification company [Vesta Corp.](#) has signed a lease for a new European operations center in Dundalk, Ireland, and will begin hiring immediately.

The center, which will ultimately employ 350 people, will provide customer support for Vesta's anticipated European operations, and be a disaster recovery back-up location for Vesta's U.S. operations.

Vesta, located in downtown Portland, verifies purchases of minutes on long-distance phone cards in the United States, and of prepaid minutes for mobile phones in the U.S. and China.

The company been in discussions with mobile phone companies in Europe for the past year, according to Elizabeth Connolly, Vesta's director of marketing. Vesta will process prepaid minutes purchases for customers of these mobile phone companies. Connolly said she could not disclose the names of these prospective customers, but Vesta is close enough to closing deals that it will start hiring people for the Dundalk operations center "immediately," said Connolly.


Vesta is one of Portland's largest and fastest-growing private companies.

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