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Today, Meta announced it is expanding the Meta Mesa Data Center (<https://datacenters.fb.com/>) with three new buildings. The campus, which was first announced in August 2021, will now include five buildings totaling more than 2.5 million square feet.

This expansion raises Meta's investment in Arizona to more than \$1 billion and increases the number of skilled trade workers onsite at peak from 1,500 to 2,000. Once completed, the data center will support over 200 operational jobs.

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"Mesa has been an exceptional home for Meta, thanks to its excellent access to infrastructure, strong pool of talent, access to new renewable energy resources and great set of community partners, and we're excited to be expanding our presence here," said David Williams, community development manager for Meta. "Today's expansion announcement, together with our donation to the Mesa College Promise program, further underscore our commitment to Mesa. We're dedicated to playing a positive role and investing in the long-term vitality of the East Valley, and we look forward to continuing to strengthen our partnerships for years to come."

Meta also announced a \$50,000 grant to the Mesa College Promise program, which provides support for Mesa residents graduating from local high schools to attend Mesa Community College. This program not only helps students bridge the cost of college attendance, but gives them the tools needed to succeed, including access to workshops, internship opportunities and an advisor.

## Commitment to Sustainability

The Meta Mesa Data Center is designed to be 60% more water efficient than the industry standard, and Meta is committed to restoring more water than it will consume. Through partnerships with local environmental nonprofits, the company has invested in three water restoration projects that will together restore more than 200 million gallons of water per year in the Colorado River and Salt River basins and will help provide greater water security for the entire state. As of today, Meta has restored over 25 million gallons of water in Arizona.

Once online, the data center will be supported by 100% renewable energy. Meta is helping to bring 450MW of new solar energy to Arizona through a partnership with Salt River Project and three new projects in Pinal County. Since 2020, Meta's global operations have been supported by 100% renewable energy.

For updates on the Meta Mesa Data Center, like and follow the Facebook page at [facebook.com/MetaMesaDataCenter](https://facebook.com/MetaMesaDataCenter) (<https://facebook.com/MetaMesaDataCenter>).

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