

## Costco Purchases Plug & Play Site for Call Center Expansion

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According to an article in the Yakima Herald Republic, Costco Corp. has purchased the recently vacated HouseValues' building for a future call center site.

Costco recently expanded retail operations in the area, building a new 155,000 square foot store that opened in October. Chief executive officer Jim Sinegal said that the company has been outgrowing its Issaquah call center, which will remain open and has about 260 employees. Online sales have grown rapidly and Costco also added 31 new stores last year. "We kind of stumbled upon the building while we were over visiting the new place," said Sinegal. "Yakima and Union gap has been very good to us. We could get a good work force."

Costco has earned an excellent reputation as a good corporate citizen and for being an employer of choice with loyal employees and customers.