

# **Sustainable Selection: Toyota Picks BHDP Architecture to Design New Digs in Michigan and Kentucky**

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**ERLANGER, Ky. (Jan. 9, 2015)** – The vision: “always better cars.” The project: Toyota’s new facilities in York Township, Mich., and Georgetown, Ky. The partner: Cincinnati-based BHDP Architecture.

To promote future product development, Toyota announced last spring that it will expand its Technical Center in Michigan to accommodate the relocation of 250 direct procurement and supplier engineering development positions from Erlanger to its campus in York Township near Ann Arbor.

In addition, about 300 Erlanger-based production engineering positions will relocate to a new facility on the campus of Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky (TMMK) in Georgetown. Both moves will occur by early 2017.

“Toyota identified key themes for these two new facilities,” says senior architect Tom Arends. “A work environment that’s sustainable, promotes collaboration, embraces diversity and builds a sense of excitement and accomplishment for team members with the ultimate vision of building always better cars. We are honored to work with Toyota to design a workplace that helps team members achieve desired results.”

“We welcome BHDP Architecture and recognize their experience as an innovative leader focused on creating a workplace environment that aligns with our sustainability goals,” said Robin Haugen, general manager, Production Engineering at Toyota. “These new facilities will be regional role models using renewable energy, recycling water, building biodiversity, and increasing the amount of low volatile organic compounds and recycled material within the construction.”

Groundbreaking for both facilities will take place in spring 2015.

In April 2014, Toyota announced that it would establish new headquarters in North Dallas (Plano), Texas for its North American operations as part of a series of moves designed to better serve customers and position the company for sustainable, long-term growth. This strategy includes establishing a new North American headquarters in Plano, Texas; expanding the Toyota Technical Center facilities in Southeast Michigan to accommodate increased investment in its engineering and product development capabilities; and opening a production engineering facility at Toyota’s largest U.S. manufacturing plant in Georgetown, Ky. The new facilities are expected to be completed by 2017.

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