

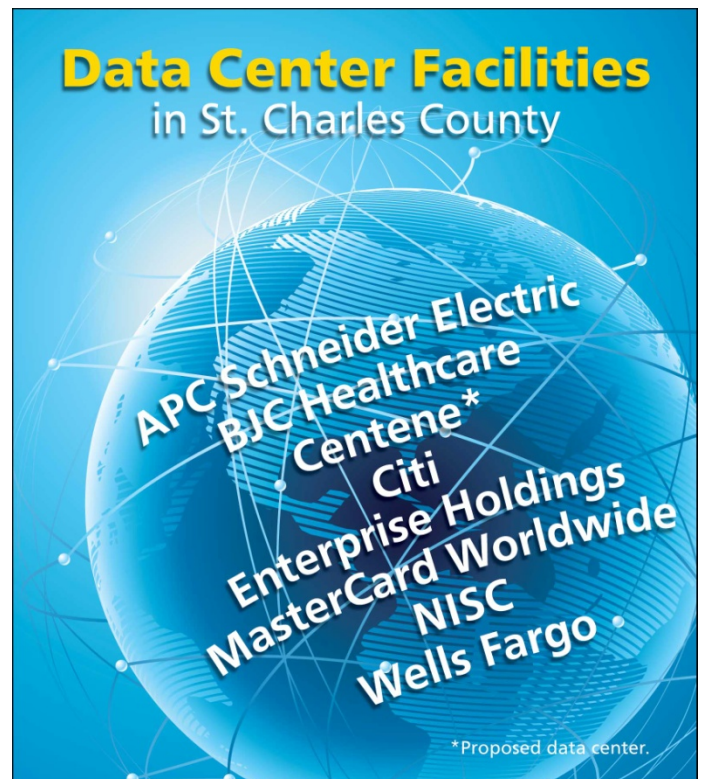
## **Data Centers flourishing on St. Charles County's high tech corridor**

With the recent approval of Centene Corporation's new data center now under construction in Progress Point on Highway 40/I-64 in O'Fallon, St. Charles County is preparing to welcome its 8th IT facility of this type to the "high tech corridor."

Other data centers in the community include APC Schneider Electric, BJC Healthcare, Citi, Enterprise Holdings, MasterCard Worldwide, NISC and Wells Fargo.

Five of these facilities are located in O'Fallon with one each in Lake Saint Louis, Weldon Spring, and the Missouri Research Park.

"There is a growing cluster of major corporations who recognize the infrastructure, geotechnical, workforce and cost benefits of locating their regional, national and international data center operations along the I-64/Highway 40 corridor in St. Charles County," said Greg Prestemon, president and chief executive officer of the EDC. "Given the fact we have some dozen other sites ready to go on our corridor that can accommodate additional data center operations, this promises to be a strong growth opportunity for the community."



All tiers are represented in St. Charles County and data center operations range from the testing and training facilities at APC Schneider Electric in O'Fallon to the international responsibilities handled at Enterprise Holdings in Weldon Spring.

In spring 2010, BJC Healthcare opened their 40,000-square-foot Tier III primary data center on the campus of Progress West Healthcare Center to support their IT needs throughout metro St. Louis.

Recognizing the creative and rewarding environment associated with data center operations and employees, NISC of Lake Saint Louis was ranked 22<sup>nd</sup> in 2010 on Computerworld's Top 100 Best Places to Work in Informational Technology.

"We look forward to continuing our efforts to attract and grow this important business segment in concert with our local communities, the St. Louis RCGA, the Missouri Partnership, and MoDED," Prestemon said.