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Micron pays \$1.4 million for land to build a child care center near planned fab in Clay

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Micron Technology recently bought this house and the 30-acre lot on which it sits for \$1.4 million. The company plans to build a child care center there. The lot is a half mile from Micron's planned semiconductor plant.

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Syracuse, N.Y. — [Micron Technology](#) has bought its second parcel of land in Clay, this time to build a child care center to support its planned semiconductor plant nearby.

Micron paid \$1,425,000 for a 30-acre lot on Caughdenoy Road, about a half-mile north of the planned fabrication plant, or fab. The lot has several buildings, including a house built in 1920.

“This investment marks our progress towards the megafab project and commitment to building the workforce of the future, which will require high-quality childcare options,” the company said in a statement. Micron representatives declined to provide any details about the center.

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Micron has provided child care for employees for years at its Boise, Idaho, headquarters. The company is building a new, larger center nearby to serve parents of a new fab Micron is building there.

Providing child care is also one of many requirements chip makers need to provide if they want to compete for billions of federal dollars for building new fabs. Micron has said it needs that federal funding, from the federal CHIPS and Science Act, to make construction of a fab in Clay profitable. The Biden administration has imposed several requirements on companies that hope to get a slice of the \$52 billion CHIPS pie, including hiring union labor for construction and providing child care for employees.

Micron broke ground in May on a new child care center in Boise. That center will accommodate 124 children when opens and can be expanded to care for 208 children.

The center in Boise is for Micron employees only. It will be operated by the Treasure Valley YMCA, located in Boise.

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Micron has about 5,000 employees in Boise. The new fab there would employ another 2,000 people.

Micron has said the fab in Clay will be four times larger than the one in Boise. The Clay fab would have 9,000 employees if it is fully built out in 20 years, the company has said.

This is [Micron's second outright purchase](#) of land in Clay. In May, the company bought an acre on Caughdenoy Road, just across the road from National Grid's Clay substation. Micron confirmed it bought that parcel "to support the utility infrastructure" of the fab.

The land where the fab will be built, White Pine Commerce Park, is owned by the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency. The approximately 1,200 acres owned by OCIDA will eventually be sold to Micron.

Micron is the only U.S.-based company that manufactures memory chips. Most of its production is now in Asia.

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