

AMD plans gain momentum



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Terry Caudell, AMD's director of wafer manufacturing strategies, speaks to hundreds at the Saratoga Springs City Center about plans the company has for the Luther Forest facility during a luncheon sponsored by the Saratoga Economic Development Corp.

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SARATOGA SPRINGS — It's not if, but when.

Advanced Micro Devices still hasn't formally committed to building a \$3.2 billion chip plant at Malta's Luther Forest Technology Campus. However, with product demand growing at 8-12 percent annually, it would take a drastic downturn in the global market or an equally dramatic shift in AMD's competitive balance with rival Intel for AMD to postpone its local plans.

"The agreements we've reached with the State of New York are a done deal," project manager Terry Caudell said. "We're very pleased with that. We're moving into the next phase, which is design review."

Representatives of the California-based company visited Saratoga County on Tuesday and will make a presentation today to hundreds of local planning officials during a day-long conference at the City Center.

In mid-February, AMD and its contractor, M+W Zander, will start work on a conceptual project outline that will be presented to the company's board in April or May. The report will detail

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