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Cityscape Detroit is a non-profit group that advocates for good urban planning, good urban design, investment, adaptive reuse of old buildings, green spaces, pedestrian friendliness, urbanism and the “built environment” in Detroit. More information is available at www.cityscapedetroit.org.

The *Detroit Free Press* reported that AT&T is looking to consolidate 1,000 of its employees at one location in metro Detroit this year.

I am writing to invite you to consolidate these employees in downtown Detroit.

It is a really exciting time in Detroit. There have been a lot of exciting, positive developments downtown over the past few years; there is more construction taking place now than in any time since the 1940's. To name just a few:

- Compuware built a fantastic new headquarters building
- Campus Martius park is a beautiful 1.5 acre park in the heart of downtown
- GM has spent \$500 million on improvements to the Renaissance Center
- RiverWalk is a beautiful, landscaped three mile long walkway being built along the Detroit River
- Comerica Park and Ford Field are huge sporting venues which bring a lot of people downtown
- Lofts at Merchants Row is a cool new loft development
- The Book/Cadillac building is being renovated for \$150 million
- \$1 billion+ has been invested in Midtown Detroit in the past decade

AT&T - through Ameritech - has a strong heritage here. It would be a wonderful “win-win” for AT&T to move all its employees to downtown Detroit.

On behalf of the directors and members,

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