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## **High-tech partners can point to 25 jobs so far**

Two months ago, the developers of Destiny USA predicted there would be 100 new high-tech jobs in Syracuse by early June, courtesy of three technology companies setting down roots here to work on the ambitious resort.

That prediction looks overly optimistic.

But the high-tech companies - ThoughtWorks, Interregnum and WISeKey - expect to have at least 25 workers in Syracuse by the end of this month. And they say they will add employees in coming months as work on the Destiny project increases.

To accommodate those workers and others, the fifth- and sixth-floor "skydeck" at Carousel Center mall will be pressed into service as office space beginning early next week. The skydeck has been adapted to house more than 100 workers, said Michael Lorenz, a Destiny USA executive.

Destiny has leased 4,000 square feet at the Syracuse Technology Garden, a downtown business incubator operated by 1

The Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce. That space should be ready to use in about a month, said Nasir Ali, vice president for new venture development at the chamber.

Space has been a limiting factor on employment until now, said Bill Euller, a vice president at ThoughtWorks who oversees the company's work on Destiny.

ThoughtWorks has 19 people in Syracuse. Until recently, most worked from other locations because the company had nowhere in Syracuse to put them, Euller said.

ThoughtWorks, which is collaborating on virtually every aspect of software development for Destiny, is likely to have 60 to 75 people working in Syracuse by fall, Euller said. The company still expects to have 300 employees in Syracuse by 2007, he said.

In the case of WISeKey, a Swiss company specializing in digital security, the need for employees to work on Destiny has grown more slowly than expected, said Malcolm Hutchinson, chief executive officer.