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New tenants at Summit Place leave no room for Manpower

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The West Allis office development that has lured [Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wisconsin](#) and two sister companies from downtown Milwaukee has secured another new tenant, leaving no room for a possible move by [Manpower Inc.](#) to the same office complex.

[Sanford-Brown College](#) will lease 35,000 square feet at Summit Place from [Whitnall Summit Inc.](#), company chairman and chief executive officer Richard Carlson said Tuesday.

Sanford-Brown operates five college locations -- one in Milwaukee and four in the St. Louis area -- and 15 Sanford-Brown Institute locations nationwide. It already offers classes at the Summit Place site.

The college's programs are aimed at working adults, with classes at its West Allis location focusing on business administration and those looking for a career as a medical assistant or medical coding and billing specialist.

The college will occupy third-floor space near Alterra Healthcare, which leases 40,000 square feet at 6737 W. Washington St., Carlson said.

The addition of Sanford-Brown comes one day after word of [the move of Blue Cross, United Government Services](#) and [Trust Solutions L.L.C.](#) and their 750 workers from downtown Milwaukee became public. The operations, subsidiaries of [Wellpoint Inc.](#), Indianapolis, will occupy a 150,000-square-foot building at Summit Place.

Carlson called that addition "a major step forward" for the 600,000 square-foot development at the site of the former Allis-Chalmers Corp. complex near the corner of South 70th Street and West Greenfield Avenue. With the move and another 40,000 square feet of space "reserved" for the insurer should it need expansion, another 75,000 square feet of space at Summit Place remains available for lease, Carlson said.

Carlson said the new tenants leave no room at Summit Place for Glendale-based global staffing giant Manpower, Glendale. Real estate sources have said Manpower has considered moving 230,000 to 260,000 square feet of operations to Summit Place from its current site.

Carlson said he called Manpower officials Tuesday morning to tell them that the space was taken.

"They were a little bit surprised when they saw the announcement," he said. "We can't have Manpower here. There is no room left at the inn."

Carlson also said Tuesday that he has hired Kyle Harmon as president and chief operating officer of Whitnall Summit. Harmon had been with [Siegel-Gallagher Inc.](#) since 2001. Harmon most recently served as vice president of office operations for the company.

Siegel-Gallagher has handled leasing for Summit Place since ground was broken on the project in 2002. Harmon will now oversee all Summit Place leasing in-house, Carlson said.

Harmon will oversee the company as Carlson enters into "semi-retirement," Carlson said.

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