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Temp office firm debuts in U.S. here

An Australian temporary-office firm opened its first U.S. location last Monday at 155 N. Wacker Drive and plans to open a smaller site in May at 300 N. LaSalle St. Sydney, Australia-based Servcorp leased 15,000 square feet on the 42nd floor at 155 N. Wacker, says Jennifer Goodwyn, vice-president and U.S. general manager. At 300 N. LaSalle, the firm has leased 6,000 square feet on the 49th floor and plans to open May 15, she says. The leases are for 10 years, she says. Servcorp's offices include dedicated space for travelers who need space for a brief time on short notice. Servcorp, which has 85 locations worldwide, soon plans to open in other U.S. cities, Ms. Goodwyn says. Brad Serot and Jon Springer of CB Richard Ellis Inc. represented Servcorp in the leases. Wendy Katz of J. F. McKinney & Associates represented 300 N. LaSalle, while John Buck Co. handles leasing at 155 N. Wacker, which it owns.

Firm wins Metra work

Metra has hired Chicago Realty Co. to lease space at the commuter rail agency's West Loop headquarters, 547 W. Jackson Blvd. The building has 15,563 square feet available, with 1,933 square feet of first-floor retail and the rest second-floor office space, according to David Ariola, president of Chicago Realty. Because Metra is a government agency, non-profit tenants in the 311,946-square-foot building would not pay property taxes, according to Mr. Ariola. The assignment for Chicago Realty also includes reviewing Metra's lease of about 10,000 square feet at Citigroup Center, 500 W. Madison, which expires in 2012. The assignment does not include Citigroup Center operations space related to the Ogilvie Transportation Center train station. Metra's board approved the three-year assignment in January.