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## Google Has High Praise for Nashville

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Google sees a lot of similarities between Silicon Valley and Nashville.

"They're both filled with smart, creative people building businesses together," the company said on its official blog. "Nashville's start-up scene may be less well known, but it's bursting with energy and creativity like the rest of the city."

That should be music to the ears of local business leaders like Mark Montgomery, of FLO{thinkery}, and Michael Burcham, of the Entrepreneur Center, who worked with organizations like the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Nashville Technology Council to bring a team of Googlers here last week.

The Internet search and software giant held breakout sessions with local developers as part of an all-day workshop April 19, then stuck around through the weekend to attend "HackNashville."

Montgomery, Burcham and other business leaders are hoping the visit will lead to bigger and broader partnerships with Google, including possible investments in local companies and a permanent office here in Nashville.