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Spherion deal brings Impact Group to Houston

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Impact Group's acquisition of Spherion Corp.'s human resource consulting business will bring the relocation solutions company to Houston for the first time.

As part of the deal -- which closed June 25 -- the St. Louis-based company acquired office locations in four cities -- Houston, Chicago, Albany, N.Y., and Toledo, Ohio, according to Impact Group.

The Houston office will remain open, said Lauren Herring, president of global services at Impact Group, and the company is working out the logistics.

"Houston is a market with a lot of opportunity for us," she said. "We are in the process of looking at (Spherion Corp's) existing client base and model of service delivery to see what has been done exceptionally."

Herring said the deal brings Impact Group's number of employees to 130, including 100 consultants across the country.

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.-based Spherion (NYSE: SFN) said the sale was part of the company's strategy to focus on its core business of recruiting and staffing.

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