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Spano says business considering major office space

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Westchester County Executive Andrew Spano told a business group this morning that the county is on the short list of sites by a business that's looking for 400,000 square feet of space.

Spano did not identify the business in his remarks at the annual breakfast meeting with the Westchester County Association at the Westchester Country Club in Rye. He said the county was one of three locations that the business was considering.

If it develops, the deal would be one of the largest in years in the county. The biggest lease that was signed in Westchester in the past 12 months was for 132,000 square feet of space at 333 Westchester Ave. in White Plains last fall.

In his hourlong remarks, Spano spoke chiefly about the challenge of running county government in an environment in which revenues were falling and costs were increasing. The problems are exacerbated by the likely cuts in local aid from a state government that's struggling with a \$16 billion deficit, he said.

"Somebody's got to get hurt. Somebody's got to suffer. There's no way out of it," Spano said. "This problem is too big for everyone to have what they have had."