

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Waldrop Center construction starts in Bonita Springs

Waldrop Group recently broke ground on Waldrop Center, a Class-A office building in Bonita Springs, located at 28100 Bonita Grande Drive, south of Bonita Beach Road and east of I-75.

When completed this fall, the three-story building will contain 38,500 square feet of professional office and medical space. In addition to Mediterranean-inspired architecture, Waldrop Center will feature marble flooring and wood crown molding throughout the common areas.

Units range from approximately 900 to 5,900 square feet and are available for sale



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Waldrop Center

or lease. Potential tenants include insurance companies, attorneys, accountants, architects, designers, physicians and other businesses seeking upscale office space with convenient access to all of Southwest Florida.

Based in Fort Myers, Waldrop Group is a full-service commercial contracting firm, providing complete architectural design, engineering and construction services.

Second phase of Jetport Commerce Park now leasing

Construction is underway by Waldrop Group on Phase II of Jetport Commerce Park in Fort Myers at 13720 Jetport Commerce Parkway. The industrial flex development is just east of I-75 in the Jetport Interstate Commerce Park, one block west of Treeline Boulevard and one block south of Daniels Parkway.

Each of the 16 office and warehouse units in the second phase contains 2,464 square feet of lease space, with approximately 1,452 square feet warehouse and 1,012 square feet office. The generous office size is expected to appeal to a wide range of commercial tenants, including businesses seeking proximity to the Southwest Florida International Airport, I-75 and Florida Gulf Coast University.

Phase I opened in 2007 with 13 flex units. When Phase II is completed later this spring, Jetport Commerce Park will contain a total of 29 office and warehouse units.

Waldrop Group is a full-service commercial contracting firm based in Fort Myers. At Jetport Commerce Park, the group is handling all aspects of architectural design, engineering and construction.



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Jetport Commerce Park

EECON Inc. announces new location

EECON, Inc., a commercial general contracting company, is proud to announce partners Pete Emidy, President, and Chris Eichhorn, Vice President of Construction have opened an office in Bonita Springs. The company offers complete building services from budgeting to project coordination and owner counsel.



Emidy



Eichhorn

Emidy and Eichhorn founded the company after over 25 years combined experience in the Southwest Florida construction market. Both have extensive experience in the coordination and supervision of commercial and high-rise projects for clients such as WCI Communities, Collier Enterprises, and The Lutgert Companies.

Still in the early stage of the development of the company, EECON has specialized in landscaped entry features, architectural monuments and commercial interior build outs and renovations. EECON has developed working relationships with multiple design professionals including architects, engineers and interior designers for seamless and all inclusive client service. The company is currently working on a variety of projects for clients such as West Bay Club, The Bonita Bay Group, LeParc Condominium Association, VK Development, Pelican Landing Home Owners Association and Bendersen Development.

GATES breaks ground on Naples Daily News headquarters

GATES Builders, Inc. has been selected to build the new, state-of-the-art office, print-



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Naples Daily News headquarters

ing and distribution facility for the Naples Daily News.

GATES competed with several other local firms in the competitive bid process over the course of one year, providing preconstruction services. GATES broke ground on the 186,503 square foot new printing and headquarters facility for the Naples Daily News this month. The facility will feature a state-

of-the-art printing press. Construction will also include all 18 acre site work and utilities. Located on an 18-acre site on Immokalee Road in North Naples, this \$30-\$40 million project is expected to be completed in the summer of 2009. The project was designed by Dario Designs, Inc.

GATES, with offices in Florida and the Republic of Panama, is Florida's premier, fully integrated construction, development and real estate services company.

GATES completes clubhouse

GATES Special Projects Division has successfully completed the 18,000 square foot renovation and expansion of Copperleaf at The Brooks Country Club. GATES delivered the project on time and on budget. The project was designed by the ADP Group of Sarasota.

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Copperleaf at The Brooks Country Club

Vanasse & Daylor awarded contract

Vanasse & Daylor, LLP has been awarded the contract for Phase 3 of the Periwinkle Way Corridor Restoration project of the primary roadway on Sanibel Island.

Phases 1 and 2 of the restoration were also completed by VanasseDaylor.

Hurricane Charley devastated the tree canopy that has long been associated with Periwinkle Way Corridor and the island of Sanibel. Phase 3 of the restoration will include the landscape planning and design of under story plantings, including native shrubs, groundcover, and flowers to supplement the newly-planted native trees along Periwinkle Way and Palm Ridge Road.

VanasseDaylor will also provide construction inspection services for the project.

Headquartered in Fort Myers, VanasseDaylor's staff of 26 provides comprehensive land development consulting services in urban planning and design, landscape architecture, civil engineering, and transportation engineering.

O'Guin decorative arts moves to new location in Naples

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O'Guin Decorative Arts has recently moved to its new office location at 1786 Trade Center Way, Unit 4 in Naples.

In announcing the relocation, Christopher O'Guin, Vice President of Product

Development, said it coincides with both a need for more space and a desire to include a showroom.

O'Guin Decorative Arts has been operating in Naples for seven years creating and installing custom wallpapers, fine finishes and textures, as well as natural earth and lime plasters. The company utilizes Old World techniques and internationally-recognized imported materials to develop finishes that complement the fabrics and surfaces of the home.

Law firm moving to Six Mile Corporate Park



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Six Mile Corporate Park

Six Mile Corporate Park, now being developed on Six Mile Cypress Parkway, announces the leasing of 23,076 square feet of office space to Florida law firm Becker & Poliakoff. The firm will occupy the top floor of the two-story office building now under construction at the park, located midway between Colonial Boulevard and Daniels Parkway.

The building's classic architecture assures businesses of a strong, distinctive presence on the parkway, while providing panoramic vistas of neighboring Six Mile Cypress Slough nature preserve. The prominent entry features a two-story arched window wall, flooding the entry lobby and grand staircase with natural light. Varied roof lines, Palladian windows, quoins, and tile accents are among the architectural details.

The building is structurally engineered to exceed building codes, with impact glass to withstand hurricanes, while integrating an extensive list of environmental and energy-saving features.

Becker & Poliakoff is a diverse commercial law firm with more than 125 attorneys practicing in offices throughout Florida, in New York City and Prague, Czech Republic, plus affiliated offices around the world. The Fort Myers office includes 45 attorneys and professional staff, who assist clients in the areas of Community Association Law, Construction & Commercial Litigation, Real Estate, Corporate & Business law.

Development of the 8.09 acre corporate office park on Six Mile Cypress Parkway also includes construction of the eastern portion of Crystal Drive, which will eventually provide direct access to Metro Parkway and U.S. 41. Plans include two sites for individual office buildings, both fronting directly on Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

Financing is arranged with Busey Bank. Sheeley Architects is providing architectural design, with civil engineering by Jeppesen Engineering Corporation. Florida Lifestyle Homes is the general contractor and will oversee the entire project, from site development through custom interior build-outs. ■

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