

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Commercial real estate

► **Woodyard & Associates, LLC** announced the following transactions:

Auditory Associates of Sanibel, Inc. leased 1,200 square feet of office space for one year from TBM Properties, 13240 N. Cleveland Ave, Unit 12, Fort Myers. Honora Jacobus and Todd Holman of Woodyard & Associates, LLC negotiated the transaction.

Asif Choudhury purchased an 880-square-foot office condo for \$150,000.00 from Fish Properties, Inc. The property is at 923 Del Prado S. Blvd., Suite 206, Cape Coral. Laura Fish, CCIM of Pate Taylor Commercial Real Estate represented the seller and Robyn Wright and Alex Wright, CCIM of Woodyard & Associates, LLC represented the buyer.

► **Cushman & Wakefield** announced the following transactions:

THP, LLC leased a 21,107-square-foot freestanding research and development facility at 10061 Amberwood Road, Suite 110, Fort Myers to Certified Diabetic Services. Certified Diabetic Services is relocating from Collier County. Gary Tasman and Brandon Stoneburner of Cushman & Wakefield in Fort Myers negotiated the lease transaction.

Furball Properties, LLC purchased a 5,460-square-foot freestanding office at 26530 Mallard Way, Punta Gorda from Florida Community Bank for \$750,000. The building will be owner-user occupied. Gary Tasman and Shawn Stoneburner of Cushman & Wakefield in Fort Myers negotiated transaction. ■

Commercial construction

► **Compass Construction, Inc.** of Cape Coral has completed the renovation of The Helm Club at the Landings Yacht, Golf and Tennis Club in Fort Myers. The renovation consisted of the existing 25,000-square-foot clubhouse, golf and tennis shops. Construction started in June and was completed in mid-November. Amenities include a complete interior renovation, new ceilings, faux finishes, a large bar area with wood floors and wainscot walls and columns, a hi-tech lighting system, energy efficient HVAC, plumbing and electrical fixtures, new kitchen, sound system throughout the building and a surround sound theater in the large dining area. Brad Neidigh was the project manager for the project, Erin Olsen served as the project administrator and Joe Luft was the on-site superintendent.

Lee County has selected Compass Construction as its construction manager for the Bokeelia Boat Ramp renovation project. This project, located on Barrancas Avenue near the north end of Pine Island, involves renovation of an existing boat ramp facility. The existing single ramp will be removed and replaced with a double ramp; new seawalls and boat docks will be

installed; storm water retention improvements will be made; and new asphalt parking and bathroom facilities will be added. Jim Smith of Compass Construction will serve as project manager for the project, and Marian Poole will be the project administrator.

Compass Construction, Inc. has received a contract to build a 7,400-square-foot child-care facility for Grace Community School. Jim Smith of Compass Construction will serve as project manager for the project, and Marian Poole will be the project administrator.

► **Stevens Construction Inc.** has been awarded the contract for the construction of Elmquist Eye Group's office. Located at 2336 Surfside Blvd., Suite 121, Cape Coral, it's Elmquist Eye Group's third location. The facility will feature four exam rooms, two offices and an optical retail area. Construction is slated for completion in January. Lizette Martin of Stevens Construction is the project administrator, Joe Beach is the superintendent and Troy Hernly is the project manager. The architect is Peter Shawinsky of Sheeley Architects. Karen L. Benson Associates is providing the interior design.

► **J.L. Wallace Inc.** has completed the renovation and expansion of the WRXY television studio, located at 40000 Horseshoe Road in Punta Gorda. The project included the renovation of the station's existing 2,000-square-foot offices and the expansion of the studio by 3,876 square feet. The new building includes a state-of-the-art production studio for television broadcast and commercial video production. WRXY will also use the additional space to host the Vision Video Institute, a school that will provide community training on video production, television broadcast and broadcast technology. Fred Barry of J.L. Wallace served as senior project manager, Dennis Tyeryar was superintendent and Robbyn Spears was project manager assistant. ■

Commercial design

► **SchenkelShultz Architecture**, Fort Myers designed Seminole County Public Schools' \$13.2 million, 112,225-square-foot new Midway Elementary School in Sanford near Orlando. The two-story facility is designed according to the LEED Certification requirements of the U.S. Green Building Council. Merits of the design include flexibility in customizing interior spaces, cost effectiveness and simple construction methods. The 745-student facility is a performing arts magnet school for the district and will have a strong focus on musical education, including general music, musical theater, orchestra and ballet. R.E. Harris Construction, Winter Park, serves as general contractor for the project which is slated for completion in December 2009. ■

REIS meeting focuses on Lee's business incentives

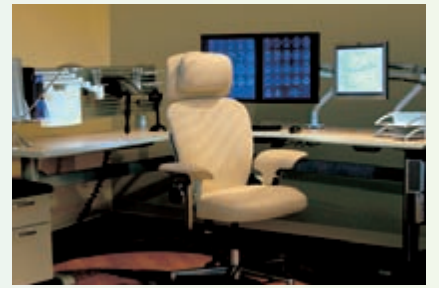
Lee County efforts to attract new business and grow existing businesses are attracting national attention and providing significant competitive advantages for economic recovery.

James W. Moore, director of Lee County's Economic Development Office, will provide the Real Estate Investment Society with an overview of innovative marketing efforts and incentive programs at the Jan. 13 REIS luncheon meeting.

The EDO just launched the FIRST (Financial Incentives for Recruiting Strategic Targets) Initiative, a \$25 million incentive fund that can provide capital for

business expansion and relocation. The program is in addition to a varied menu of local and state incentive programs, bonds, workforce training, tax credits and refunds that are coordinated by the EDO.

The meeting is sponsored by Haag Douglas Realty, and will begin promptly at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 13 in the Osprey Room at Pelican Preserve's Clubhouse, on Treeline Avenue at Colonial Boulevard. Admission is \$25 for members and \$35 for guests, which includes lunch. Reservations are required by Jan. 8 and may be made at the REIS Web site: www.reis-swfl.org. ■



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