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## Construction Activity

# Zom starts newest Lake Eola project

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Zom Inc. broke ground on the Paramount on Lake Eola, a \$140 million mixed-use development in downtown Orlando.

The project consists of 313 condos, a 30,000-square-foot urban model Publix store, 5,000 square feet of other retail space and 10,000 square feet of offices.

Hardin Construction Co. is the general contractor for the Paramount and expects construction to be completed in mid-2008. Zom also developed the neighboring Waverly on Lake Eola high-rise.

In other construction activity:

- Orlando-based Core Construction is building Phase I of La Terra Links, which consists of 60 condos in 15 buildings at a luxury golf course community in St. Augustine. When complete, La Terra Links will have 38 buildings with four units in each building, as well as a 7,212-square-foot lifestyle center with a pool and spa. The construction cost of Phase I is estimated at \$16 million. Bateman and Martin Developments of Naples is the developer.

Core is also building Bonita Commons at Spring Creek, a 61,200-square-foot retail center in Fort Myers that is scheduled to be finished in mid-September.

- Vanson Enterprises Inc. completed the 62,000-square-foot Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility near the Orlando International Airport. The project was designed to be environmentally friendly and energy-efficient, and will be submitted to the U.S. Green Building Council for certification.

Winter Park-based Vanson is under way on the Centre Court Ridge at Reunion Resort for the Ginn Co. The project is a 3-acre tennis facility and includes landscaping, hardscapes and site amenities. Vanson is constructing the pro shop, maintenance buildings and the surrounding tennis courts and grandstands

- Pertree Constructors Inc. will provide construction services for South Orange Business Park II, which is being developed by Abdo & Burts. The park offers industrial condo units for office, showroom or warehouse use. Phase II will have two buildings of 49,200 square feet each, with a total construction value of \$6 million.

The architect is Architectural Resource Group. **Engineering firms on the project are Florida Engineering Group, site/civil;** Bishop Engineering, structural; and MG Engineering, mechanical, electrical and plumbing. Ron Raymond is Pertree's project superintendent, and Jim Marcan is the project manager. Completion is scheduled for October.

- J. Raymond Construction Corp. of Longwood is building the River City Marketplace in Jacksonville for Ramco Gershenson. The 45-acre project will have more than 250,000 square feet of shops. Tenants slated to occupy the center include Bed, Bath and Beyond; Ross; Petsmart; Old Navy; Office Max; and Michael's. The project architect is Wah Yee Associates.

J. Raymond is also working on the Mainstreet at Midtown project in Palm Beach Gardens for Ram Development Co. The 40-acre office and retail complex on PGA Boulevard is valued at \$20 million. The architect for the retail portion is Mark Weiner, and the architect for the parking garage is Burke, Hogue and Mills. The civil engineer is URS Corp., and the land planner is Cotleur-Hearing. Completion is scheduled for this fall.

- Aagaard-Juergensen Inc. completed a new 16,000-square-foot sports building and renovated science lab for First Baptist of Central Florida in Ocoee. The project is valued at \$1 million.
- Seretta Construction Inc. of Apopka was appointed as the concrete tilt-up contractor for the Hills & Associates project in Tampa by JLB Builders Inc. Seretta's scope of work for the 38,000-square-foot, two-story office building includes foundations, slab on grade, tilt-up panels, walks and mezzanines. Seretta begins its work this month.

Duke Construction picked Seretta to do similar work on the 111,050-square-foot Eagle Creek I project in Tampa. In addition, R.C. Stevens Construction chose Seretta to provide foundation, slab on grade, and tilt-up panels for the 95,000-square-foot expansion of ATCO Rubber Products' Plant City facility.