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Construction Begins on "Green" GAI Building in Downtown Orlando

Orlando, FL – Ustler Development has broken ground on the GAI Building, a premier downtown Orlando "green" office building that will house the Orlando Office of GAI Consultants, Inc.'s Southeast regional operations.

The \$30 million project is a seven-story, 105,000 rentable-square-foot office building with an integrated parking garage for 300 spaces. Located at 618 East South Street in downtown Orlando's South Eola District, the building is designed by Baker Barrios Architects. Brasfield & Gorrie is the general contractor.

The GAI Building is downtown Orlando's first privately developed green office building. Upon completion, Ustler Development will apply for the U.S. Green Building Council's silver LEED certification.

"This is one of the few bright spots of private development in a challenging market," Ustler Development President Craig Ustler said. "It's a great accomplishment to keep GAI downtown and add their signature building to our skyline."

"After 25 years in downtown Orlando, GAI is proud to have its name on this significant development," noted GAI President Gary DeJidas. GAI, which established operations in the city in 1982, will initially move 100 professionals to occupy about 62,000 rentable square feet on the building's top two floors, and plans to grow to 200 employees there.

"Combining the hundreds of people who will work on this building's construction with GAI's plans to expand their workforce, this puts Central Floridians to work at a time when it is most needed," Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer said.

To learn more about the GAI Building and GAI, visit www.gaibuilding.com and www.gaiconsultants.com.

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