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Meridian Design Build Breaks Ground on Build to Suit for C.R. Laurence Company

(December, 2005) – Howard Green, Executive Vice President of Meridian Design Build LLC, is pleased to announce that the firm has broken ground on a new 75,200 square foot office, warehouse, and distribution facility for C.R. Laurence at 2765 Spectrum Drive, in Elgin, IL.

Scheduled for completion in late March 2006, the project is being developed by Interstate Partners on a 4.9-acre site within Northwest Business Park.

The new building, which will replace an existing facility in Elk Grove Village, will serve as a regional distribution center for C.R. Laurence. C.R. Laurence is the glass industry's leading North American source for the supplies and equipment that help shape and improve the three-dimensional world of glass. The company's customers include the automotive restyling, architecture, and construction industries.

The new building will include 5,100 square feet of office and showroom space with upgraded finishes including 10' ceilings, granite countertops, and porcelain tile flooring. The warehouse/distribution area will feature a 28' clear height and perimeter clerestory windows. 7 loading docks and 1 at grade drive-in-door will be provided in addition to a Will Call area designed to facilitate customer pickups.

John Sharpe of Lee & Associates represented Interstate Partners in the sale of the site to C.R. Laurence. Lawrence R. Much, SIOR of NAI Hiffman represented C.R. Laurence in the land purchase and build to suit for sale transaction. Heitman Architects Inc. is providing architectural and structural engineering services for the project.

Meridian Design Build LLC offers full-service design/build and general contracting services to the manufacturing, distribution, office and commercial markets. Meridian offers a full range of construction services, including all phases of construction planning and management, from conceptual design and budgeting, through project completion. More information on Meridian Design Build can be found at www.meridiandb.com.

Interstate Partners Interstate Partners LLC was formed in September of 2000 to acquire, develop and manage prime real estate properties in the Midwest. Their goal since the beginning has been to provide clients with attractive and functional work environments at an excellent value. Regional offices are located in Chicago, Milwaukee and Minneapolis. More information on Interstate Partners can be found at www.interstatepartners.com.