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**Venture One and Meridian Break Ground On New Manufacturing Facility in St. Charles**

Meridian Design Build and Venture One Real Estate broke ground on a 180,121 SF manufacturing and corporate headquarters facility for AJR Filtration at 1200 Equity Drive in St. Charles, IL.

A development of Venture One Real Estate, the AJR facility is part of East Kirk Commerce Center in St. Charles on a 33 acre development site located at the northeast corner of Kirk Road and Division Street. A three-year tax abatement program was secured from local governmental entities by the developer. Meridian Design Build will serve as the design builder and Ware Malcomb will act as the architect on the project. PNC Bank will provide the construction funding.

AJR Filtration is a leading manufacturer of quality engineered dust and liquid filter bags, cartridges and pleated bags. Every filter product they sell is made in their St. Charles, Illinois facility. AJR is rapidly growing and this expansion will give them increased manufacturing capacity that will allow them to create 150 new jobs in the City of St. Charles.

Michael Marconi, SIOR and Bradley Migdal of Transwestern represented AJR Filtration in the transaction. The facility is set to be completed in the summer of 2016.

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