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## **Opus South's Suwanee Gateway, Mixed-Use Development Unanimously Approved** *\$300 million project kicking off on former site of Falcons training complex*

**ATLANTA (Feb. 23, 2007)** – The Atlanta office of Opus South Corp., a full-service, design-build development firm, announced today that its master plan for a 148-acre tract at the intersection of Interstate 85 and Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road has been unanimously approved by the Suwanee City Council.

The Suwanee Gateway mixed-use project will be designed, built and developed by Opus South over five years and encompass more than 1 million square feet, including a combination of residential, retail, restaurant, hotel and office space. Current plans include:

- 138 luxury townhomes (gated)
- 340 urban-style apartment units (gated)
- 580,000 square feet of office space, including three Class A buildings fronting I-85
- 360,000 square feet of retail (anchored by a major home improvement center)
- 14 retail outparcels
- A full-service hotel with a conference center
- Towncenter, retail and apartments surrounding a secured parking deck

“This is the largest single undeveloped tract remaining in Suwanee and includes some of the City’s most recognizable land,” said Marty Allen, director of planning and community development. “It was very important that we considered all aspects of the master development plan in order to meet the needs of Suwanee residents, businesses and other interested groups. We are very pleased that Opus was so willing to collaborate with us in creating a planned development that meets the goals for this area as identified in our comprehensive town master plan and I-85 strategy report.”

“We have been interested in developing this tract of land for more than four years and are very pleased to have received unanimous approval to move forward,” said Duane Wood, vice president, Opus South (Atlanta). “Bringing an urban-style, mixed-use development to a suburban area like Suwanee will be a unique offering and showcase our vision for creating developments that go beyond the traditional approach.”

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The spine of the overall development will be a new multi-lane 1 ½ -mile parkway providing access to the development and connecting Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road to Burnette Road. Opus South expects to begin site preparation by late summer and initiate construction of the parkway soon-there-after.

Development of the overall 148-acre tract includes two main parcels of land which have remained vacant and undeveloped for several years. From 1978 to 1999, the practice and training facility for the Atlanta Falcons of the National Football League was located on 37 acres of Opus South's planned *Suwanee Gateway* development. The remaining 111 acres was formerly owned by Motorola Inc.

### **About Opus South Corporation**

Opus South Corp. is headquartered in Tampa, Fla., with offices in Atlanta, Boca Raton, Fla., Naples, Fla., Orlando, Fla. and Pensacola, Fla., is one of five regional companies within The Opus Group. Opus South has developed more than 26 million square feet since starting operations in 1981 and currently has five million square feet in planning or under development. The Opus Group, based in Minneapolis, is a \$1.9 billion premier, full-service real estate development company with nearly 55 years experience. Specializing in office, industrial, retail, multifamily, government and institutional development, The Opus Group has completed more than 2,300 projects and 227 million square feet and currently has 35 million square feet in planning or development. Opus employs 1,600 people in 28 offices in the United States and Canada. A community steward since its inception, The Opus Group contributes 10 percent of its pre-tax profits to community organizations. For more information, visit [www.opuscorp.com](http://www.opuscorp.com).

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**Editor's Note:** For additional information, including several high-resolution images of Opus South's *Suwanee Gateway* development, please contact:

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