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## **Meridian Design Build Breaks Ground on Major Expansion in Sauk Village**

(January, 2006) – Howard Green, Executive Vice President of Meridian Design Build LLC, is pleased to announce that the firm has broken ground on a 364,000 square-foot cross-docked /rail-served expansion to the speculative distribution center it completed earlier this year for DP Partners at 21700 Mark Collins Drive in the new LogistiCenter® at Sauk Village industrial park.

The expansion, scheduled for completion in early summer 2006, will increase the size of the existing facility from 412,615 square feet to 776,615 square feet. Reno, Nevada-based DP Partners, which is developing of the project in partnership with the Village of Sauk Village, has leased 308,000 square feet of the existing facility to Appleton, Wisconsin-based Warehouse Specialists, Inc.

The expansion was designed with maximum flexibility to serve the requirements of virtually any logistics user. The building incorporates 32-foot clear-height ceilings and can accommodate up to 106 trailer stalls and 66 truck docks or 10 rail doors capable of accommodating 20 dual-lead rail spots.

The design team for this project includes project architect, Palatine, IL -based Harris Architects Inc., and Glen Ellyn, IL -based Jacob and Hefner Associates, civil engineer for the project. The exclusive leasing agent for LogistiCenter at Sauk Village is the CB Richard Ellis brokerage team of George G. Maragos, SIOR, Senior Vice President and Scott Duerkop, Senior Associate.