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Food user to expand manufacturing facility

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Meridian Design Build has been selected to complete an 84,000-square-foot addition for Kerry Ingredients & Flavours in Melrose Park. The addition will expand Kerry's existing 113,000-square-foot manufacturing facility at 3141 W. North Ave. to approximately 197,000 square feet.

Meridian Design Build will complete the redevelopment project on a design/build basis including demolition of an outdated 130,000-square-foot two-story structure. "We were able to get involved early on to assist Kerry in coordinating demolition and site grading work while the design and permitting for the new addition were still underway," said Howard Green, executive vice president of Meridian. "This gave us an opportunity to crush, recycle, and re-use more than 6,000 tons of concrete debris onsite that would have otherwise been hauled away or disposed of in landfills. As a result of some upfront planning and coordination, we were able to significantly reduce the environmental impact of the project and pass substantial savings along to the client."

The scope of the project includes onsite detention and compensatory storage as well as a significant amount of selective demolition and structural reinforcing work within the existing facility. The project is scheduled for completion in the fourth quarter of 2010.

Ben Runkel, associate project manager and Tom McNett, senior superintendent, are handling the project for Meridian Design Build. Harris Architects is providing architectural and structural engineering services for the project. Jacob and Hefner Associates is the civil engineer.

Kerry Ingredients & Flavours manufactures application-specific food and beverage ingredients. Kerry has established a global processing and technical network with an ingredients and flavour portfolio extending to some 10,000 food and beverage products, food processor and foodservice markets in over 120 different countries.