

Auto Truck awards firm design-build contract

BARTLETT | Meridian Design Build has been selected by Auto Truck Group and **Abbott Land and Investment Corp.** to act as design-build general contractor for a corporate office/showroom/manufacturing facility for Auto Truck. Construction is expected to begin in late spring with a fourth quarter 2008 project completion.

The new facility will be located on a 16.26-acre site within Brewster Creek Business Park. Included in the 103,585 square foot building footprint is 12,600 square feet of corporate office space and 5,700 square feet of vehicle show-

room. Meridian Design Build will coordinate special improvements within the shop area to accommodate welding stations, interior overhead cranes and paint booths.

Upon completion of the project, Auto Truck will relocate from an existing facility in Bensenville. Specializing in upfitting of work trucks, they service small business and large fleets providing diverse truck equipment to suit the needs of several different market sectors.

Abbott Land and Investment Corp. is acting as the developer on the project. The design team includes **Ware Malcomb** (architect), **Jacob and Hefner Associates P.C.** (civil engineer), and **Gary R. Weber Associates** (landscape architect.) **Ben Runkel**, associate project manager, and **Fred Jennings**, general superintendent, will be handling the project for Meridian Design Build.