



Economic Development

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"Green" groundbreaking ceremony celebrates company's expansion

A groundbreaking ceremony for Waxie Sanitary Supply building, projected to be one of Mesa's first LEED certified facilities, will take place on Monday, October 6 at 5:00 p.m. at 2815 North Norwalk Circle in Mesa.

Ceremony participants will include Charles Wax, owner of Waxie Sanitary Supply, members of Waxie's Executive Committee, representatives from Layton Construction and representatives from the City of Mesa.

LEED certification is the recognized standard for measuring building sustainability and demonstrates that a building project is truly "green." The LEED green building rating system -- developed and administered by the U.S. Green Building Council, a Washington D.C.-based, nonprofit coalition of building industry leaders -- is designed to promote design and construction practices that increase profitability while reducing the negative environmental impacts of buildings and improving occupant health and well-being.

The company's building will include matting made of recycled materials, water-efficient landscaping and will maximize use of natural outdoor lighting to light the interior. When completed, the facility will have alternate parking spaces for fuel-efficient vehicles and bike racks to encourage environmentally-aware travel. The company will also pursue air quality testing for a healthy building and implement internal recycling and green cleaning programs.

"The City of Mesa is excited to be home to Waxie Sanitary Supply's latest expansion," said Cathy Ji, economic development specialist for the City of Mesa. "The company's dedication to incorporating environmentally friendly design and programs shows the great pride Waxie has in their company and the communities in which they locate. We welcome the project and look forward to a continued relationship between the community and Waxie."

Building construction is expected to reach completion by the 4th quarter of 2009.