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Skyrise Sets Start for 500,000-SF Trade Center

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ORLANDO—This central Florida city has been tapped to become home to the first world trade center complex in the Southeast, with Skyrise Development Group developing the more than 500,000-sf World Trade Center Orlando. Skyrise president David Houry says the company is eying an early 2008 start for the project, with occupancy slated for summer 2009.

Set to rise Downtown, the twin-tower project will consist of multi-use towers on a single base--one rising 25 stories and the other 28 stories. The complex will include class A office space with executive suites, retail, banking, restaurants and a health club. A call to Byron Sutton, CEO and director of leasing for World Trade Center Orlando, seeking more information, including development costs, was not returned by GlobeSt.com's deadline.

Both towers, which will be LEED and Energy Star certified, will rise simultaneously. In a statement, Sutton says leasing is already under way. "We anticipate that all elements of trade and trade-related enterprises will be represented in the WTC Orlando complex," he says. "Rental rate on office space is currently in the mid-20s for a net lease, with availability for a bank with drive-thru lanes, and a variety of restaurant sites. Our marketing efforts are world wide. We are working with real estate brokers from many different countries."

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