



Glendale Corporate Center construction under way across from sports complex

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Construction has begun on a highly visible 300,000-square-foot office complex along Loop 101, just across the freeway from Glendale's sports and entertainment center.

Phoenix-based Opus West Corp. is building the Glendale Corporate Center on 21 acres between 99th Avenue and Loop 101 just south of Glendale Avenue.

Possible tenants at the Class-A office complex could include home builders, financial institutions and insurance companies.

The first phase is expected to be completed by March. It consists of a three-story, 105,000-square-foot for-lease office building and four smaller buildings ranging from 15,000 square feet to 30,000 square feet. Companies will have the option to purchase or lease the cluster of smaller buildings.

Similar to freeway-side offices in other parts of the Valley, the Glendale center will be easily accessible and visible to motorists along Loop 101.

That's the case along the freeway in Scottsdale, where Pulte Homes and Cold Stone Creamery have office buildings featuring eye-grabbing signage.

"It's almost like a billboard advertisement for customers and for recruiting employees," said Jeff Roberts, Opus West's vice president of real estate development.

In addition to the advertising potential, the project will provide West Valley residents with an employment center that is close to home and entertainment options, such as Westgate City Center, Jobing.com Arena and University of Phoenix Stadium.

"Shorter commute times and being closer to where those employees live can make a difference in people's job satisfaction," Roberts said.

Construction of the project's second phase, which includes an identical 105,000-square-foot building, will begin as soon as Opus sees progress on leasing and purchasing of the Phase I buildings.

In addition to its Glendale project, Opus West has recently broken ground on 150,000 square feet of office space at North Scottsdale Corporate Center near Loop 101 and Scottsdale Road, and the initial phase of the 180,000-square-foot Chandler Airport Center, just north of Chandler Municipal Airport off Loop 202.

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