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Zydeco breaks ground on new building at MetCenter

Having completed the horizontal infrastructure on the 350-acre addition to its MetCenter business park, Zydeco Development is forging ahead with the first 150,000-square-foot industrial building in the new phase.

Zydeco has obtained site plan approvals for more than 1.6 million square feet of additional space in the new phase of MetCenter, a 550-acre mixed-use park at U.S. Highways 71 and 183 in Southeast Austin. The expansion property purchased last year has the capacity to sustain a total of 3 million square feet of additional product.

Zydeco Principal Howard Yancy says that by proceeding with the new building on a speculative basis, the company hopes to deliver product to potential tenants more rapidly.

"Easy access to a comfortable work environment is critical for companies looking to attract and maintain a quality work force," says David Sheldon, principal with Zydeco. With recent improvements to all access points, like the new freeway extension of Ben White Boulevard and the recently approved improvements to U.S. Highway 183, MetCenter is in a prime spot to capitalize on demand in southeast Austin, he says.

Atlanta-based CheckFree Corp. has already purchased 14 acres of land in the new phase for the construction of a 210,000 square foot data and disaster recovery center.

Other tenant companies currently at MetCenter include General Motors, Progressive Insurance, Waste Management, PPD and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas.

