

Re:Developments

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Cement Firm Moves US Headquarters to Lowry

GCC, a Mexico-based cement company, has moved its U.S. headquarters to Lowry. The firm is consolidating executives currently based in Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and South Dakota at the Rampart Campus office complex at First Avenue and Rampart Way.

Grupo Cementos de Chihuahua (GCC) was founded in 1941 in Chihuahua, Mexico and started exporting cement products to the United States in the 1970s. GCC acquired its first US cement plant in 1994 and now GCC of America, Inc. (GCCA) has U.S. assets of \$760 million and 1,060 employees in eight states. It owns three cement plants, including one under construction in Pueblo that is scheduled to open next summer, nine cement distribution terminals, a coal mine in Durango and 45 ready-mix concrete plants.

The firm considered numerous locations in

metro Denver before selecting Lowry.

"Denver is the geographic center of our operations and we knew we could attract good talent there," said Enrique Escalante, President and CEO. "Lowry has good access to the airport and provides a strong quality of life for our employees."

The wide variety of home types and prices was particularly appealing to Escalante, who recently moved in and enrolled his son at nearby Bishop Machebeuf High School.

Approximately 15 executives, managers and analysts will move to Lowry through this fall, and the firm plans to hire an additional four to five people in the near future.

GCC of America is leasing approximately 9,000 square feet of space in Rampart Campus, a three-building historic redevelopment by Coughlin and Company. The campus is nearly 100 percent

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Lowry Doing Well in Sluggish Home Market



While the Denver real estate market continues to change, the Lowry neighborhood has maintained its desirability. Infill neighborhoods, like Lowry offer an unmatched quality of life with a convenient location and the amenities of a new home.

The *Denver Post* recently reported that "close-in urban neighborhoods, high-end homes and properties in popular school districts are holding up well in an otherwise sluggish real estate market.

"In Denver, some areas continue to sell well even in this difficult housing market, (John Mitchell, broker-owner of

Mitchell Realty Services Metro Brokers at Lowry) said. Among them are Lowry. ... In addition to its proximity to downtown, Lowry is a strong seller because it has been selective about the kinds of builders it let in ... 'There are no cookie-cutter homes there.'"

Examples of strong sales programs include Steam Plant Row Homes (left) and Parkside Patio Homes at Lowry. Priced from the \$800,000s and \$900,000s respectively, both of these developments have just two homes left for sale. Visit their combined sales office at 7701 E. 1st Place or call 303-366-2555.

Lowry Realtors Recognized



This summer, Derek Camunez was elected president of the Denver Board of Realtors, and Gloria Lara was elected to the board of directors for the Colorado Association of Realtors. Together, these brokers own RE/MAX Avenues in the Lowry Town Center.

Derek was installed as the 118th President of the Denver Board in a gala inaugural ceremony at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science Saturday August 26, attended by over 200 peers and industry professionals.

Both are active directors for the Lowry Town Center Merchant's Association as well as advisors for several area committees.



CP Plans Education and Employment Program

Cerebral Palsy (CP) of Colorado has purchased land and is constructing a 61,427-square-foot facility near 11th and Yosemite.

Early Education

The facility will house 10 classrooms of the Creative Options Center for Early Education. Children and families will receive strong support from a highly trained staff consisting of early childhood educators, occupational therapists, speech therapists, social workers and classroom paraprofessionals. Every child in the program is screened for developmental and health concerns. These screenings trigger supportive services for families with children with developmental disabilities or delays, social-emotional challenges, or other issues.

Employment Program

The Lowry facility will also include CP of Colorado's Employment Works program. In keeping with its mission of promoting personal choice and self-fulfillment, the program provides job readiness, job placement, retention, and benefits planning for youth and adult job seekers with disabilities or other barriers to employment.

Community Network

A comprehensive, grassroots network of parents and individuals with disabilities will also connect through the Lowry facility to create public policy change, offer support, and educate our statewide com-

munity on the abilities of all people. The new facility will create opportunities for these organizations to leverage knowledge, expertise and connections to further support the emerging needs of families affected by physical, mental or developmental disabilities.

Charter School

Also included in the plans is a K - 8 Charter School, which focuses on realizing the potential of every child through rigorous curricula, an inclusive learning environment, and a teaching model that pairs one elementary education teacher with one special education teacher, plus a teacher's aid in every classroom. In addition to three teachers per classroom, the school will provide on staff social workers, occupational therapists, speech therapists, and mental health professionals. This co-teaching model, in partnership with the rigorous curriculum, will result in levels of student proficiency significantly greater than that of students learning in typical public schools.

Corporate Headquarters

CP of Colorado will also move its corporate headquarters to the Lowry facility. This new facility will allow CP of Colorado the opportunity to shift lease expenses of over \$200,000 annually into creating a significant asset, which will have a lasting impact on thousands of lives for years to come.

For information regarding enrollment or to contribute to this effort, call 303-691-9339 or visit www.cpc.org.

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leased; other tenants include Colorado Allergy and Asthma Centers, Family Medicine at Lowry, Denver Nephrology and Space Age Credit Union.

More than 100 employers have located at Lowry, occupying 3.4 million square feet of space and employing 7,100 people. About one-

third of the employers are medical office firms and 71 percent are small businesses, with less than 50 workers. Seven percent of employers have more than 250 workers.

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Long Year for New Lowry Principal

Machebeuf High School Principal Relocates from New Orleans

High school principal Jesse Skipwith was on his way to the New Orleans Audubon Zoo with his 5 year-old son, looking forward to a day of father-son time. Then his cell phone rang. It was his wife, telling him they had to evacuate due to the rapidly approaching Hurricane Katrina.

"I said they were calling wolf again, that hurricanes always turned left or right and missed New Orleans," he remembers. "And she said no -- this was different."

The couple packed the usual three days worth of clothes and their "hurricane box" full of important documents and keepsakes, and headed to Texas for a short stay with an aunt. When Skipwith went back to the city a month later, leaving his family in their second displaced location in Florida, their home had suffered serious roof damage and "the contents of our back yard were dispersed all over the neighborhood."

He then attempted to make payroll for the elementary school with a bank and accounting firm that were literally under water. The school itself was in reasonably good condition, save the mild water damage, many fallen trees, broken windows and lack of electricity or phone service. Skipwith commuted back and forth between New Orleans and Florida until Christmas.

After stabilizing the school, even taking in displaced students from other schools, the Skipwiths decided to leave New Orleans and move to Denver. Skipwith completed his contract as principal of the New Orleans Catholic elementary school and the family arrived in Denver at the end of June this year.

"We were tired of the mandatory evacuations and the emotional stress and anxiety suffered by our children," he said. His son had attended three kindergarten classes in a single year and his 2-year-old daughter still worries about hurricanes.

Good fortune quickly came in the form of a job opening at Bishop Machebeuf High School. "Things fell into place very quickly, it

was just meant to be," he said. "Our family feels very blessed."

A licensed professional counselor by training with 10 years as a school counselor in Catholic schools, Skipwith found the events of the last year to be very humbling. "There is only so much you can control, and you have to do the best with what you have. Even if that's not perfect, you know you've done your best if you've learned from it."

He tries to share his outlook on handling the transitions and challenges of life with his new school community. In addition to a rigorous academic and Catholic curriculum, Machebeuf offers several unique programs designed to support students as they transition into adulthood.

This year's 100 incoming ninth graders will participate in Freshman Fast Track to hone up on academic skills as well as personal skills in conflict management and self esteem. A college placement counselor, two Learning Strategies Program academic counselors and two full-time counselors work with students individually and in groups.

"We offer high expectations and a sense of camaraderie and companionship," says Skipwith. "We have the confidence that our children will experience more complete development and unsurpassed academic and personal success."

It has been a long year. "My wife and I feel like our lives have come full circle."



Jesse Skipwith

Attention Parents: Internet Safety Presentation at Machebeuf

Bishop Machebeuf High School presents "The Internet, Child Sex Offenders and Our Children" with Investigators Mike and Cassandra Harris of the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office Crimes Against Children Division. Their presentation will focus on providing valuable information that will assist you in protecting your children and your home against this increasingly serious threat.

DATE: Wednesday, November 29, 2006

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: Machebeuf High School, 458 Unita Way

RSVP: Call Mrs. Huff at 303-344-0082

Machebeuf Student Named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist

On September 13, Michelle Bauman, a senior at Bishop Machebeuf High School, was named as a Semifinalist in the 2007 National Merit Scholarship Program. Bauman was selected from among over 1.4 million students in nearly 21,000 high schools across the country with a score that placed her in the 99th percentile of students taking the test. Students who qualify for Semifinalist status represent the top 1% of U.S. high school seniors in both the state of Colorado and across the nation.

Community Events and Public Meetings

All public meetings are held at the Lowry Redevelopment Authority (LRA), 555 Uinta Way, Denver 80230, unless noted. Everyone is invited. Meeting agendas and event information are posted on www.LowryLink.com when available.

October 5	Lowry Design Review Committee , 8 to 11:30 a.m., LRA
October 6	Lowry Foundation Board of Directors , 8:30 to 10 a.m., 173 S. Poplar Street Hazel Miller Band , Soiled Dove, below The Tavern Lowry, doors open at 8 p.m.
October 7	The Railbenders with Angie Stevens , Soiled Dove, below The Tavern Lowry, doors open at 8 p.m.
October 10	Lowry Community Advisory Committee , 5:30 to 7 p.m., LRA
October 13	Lowry Community Land Trust , 7:30 to 9 a.m., 173 S. Poplar Street
October 17-21	Grandmother's House Boutique , 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Wings Museum
October 18	Lowry Restoration Advisory Board , 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., LRA Dan Bern with Jason Cain of Astrophagus , Soiled Dove, below The Tavern Lowry, doors open at 7 p.m.
October 19	Lowry Design Review Committee , 8 to 11:30 a.m., LRA
October 24	LRA Board of Directors , 8:30 to 10 a.m., LRA
October 26	Lowry Planning and Disposition Subcommittee , 4 to 5:30 p.m., LRA Lowry Community Master Association , 6 to 7:30 p.m., LRA
October 28	Trick or Treat , 4 to 6 p.m., Lowry Town Center Karrin Allyson , Soiled Dove, below The Tavern Lowry, two shows, doors open at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.
October 30	Five For Fighting , Soiled Dove, below The Tavern Lowry, doors open at 7 p.m.

Lowry is a developing area, and information can change as plans evolve. For current news and information about Lowry, call 303-326-7162; visit www.LowryLink.com; or attend a public meeting. For environmental questions, contact Elizabeth Sopher, LAC environmental community relations specialist, at 303-326-7103. NOTE: Please stay out of construction areas for your safety!