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Groundbreaking set for Emergency Operations Center

For Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District

WHO: Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District

WHAT: Groundbreaking on new Emergency Operations Center and Administrative Building

WHERE: 357 Hiatt Drive in Palm Beach Gardens. From I-95, exit Northlake Boulevard west. Travel over the Florida Turnpike. Take first right past Turnpike which is Hiatt Drive. Proceed about a quarter mile to end of cul-de-sac.

WHEN: Wednesday, July 13, 2005 at 8:00 A.M.

HIGHLIGHTS: The Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District services a 128 square mile area from Okeechobee Boulevard north to the Palm Beach County/Martin County line. Its mission is to provide excellent customer service relating to facilitating financing, construction and operation of infrastructure improvements including storm water management systems, water and wastewater facilities, roads, environmental preserves and a continued commitment to education and outreach to our residents and landowners.

Ground will be broken this Wednesday on a 13,500 square foot Emergency Operations Center and administrative offices to be located adjacent to current facilities on Hiatt Drive in Palm Beach Gardens. The new building is designed to withstand a major hurricane utilizing the modern architectural design and construction methods. Other facets of the design include redundant potable and waste water systems, standby emergency generators, food storage and sleeping quarters for the operations staff, and fuel storage for the vehicles, generators and pump stations. The new facility will be completely hardened with poured cell, reinforced concrete block construction. The windows will be made with impact glass and secondary protection will be provided with hurricane shutters. During an emergency, the building will have a 3 to 7 day sustainability with a central operations center on the first floor for all of the district's functions.

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