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## **‘Encore’ Project Timeline Update**

The \$425 million project is moving along on schedule

**TAMPA, FL (May 3, 2010)** – In March, more than 5,000 people looking for work came to the *Encore* job fair at the *Encore* construction site at Cass & Nebraska. Today, the project is moving forward as planned with permitting and follow up construction interviews scheduled for May. The first contract to be executed – the infrastructure contract – was signed April 11.

*Encore*, formally known as Central Park Village, is a new master planned urban redevelopment consisting of 12 city blocks between Tampa’s Central Business District and Ybor City. This \$425 million project will be under construction for the next 7 – 9 years. The *Encore* project will boast multiple contracts with various contractors to create a diverse blend of regional contractors.

Due to the tremendous interest in the project, ZMG Construction is releasing the following project timeline update. This timeline will be updated online at [www.encoretampa.com](http://www.encoretampa.com) every two weeks with new developments:

***February:***

- Job fair for infrastructure contractors on February 19. More than 700 applicants.

***March:***

- Construction worker job fair on March 25. More than 5000 applicants.
- All job fair attendees catalogued by employees at The Women’s Centre in Tampa; Tampa’s first jobs created by Encore.
- Phone blast sent to all job fair attendees with more than 99% of attendees reached. Phone message explained the next steps in the project and that ZMG would be in touch.

***April:***

- First contract (infrastructure) executed April 11.
- Hiring and final qualifications of sub-contractors.
- Final contracts concluded with all sub-contractors.

***May:***

- Week of May 3 – second phone blast to all applicants updating the process.
- Groundbreaking ceremony, May 11.
- Subcontractors and construction manager commence hiring of key managers.
- 80 – 100 interviews with candidates anticipated week of May 15.
- Permitting process continues.

***June:***

- Anticipated issue of permits.
- Anticipated start of the infrastructure construction.

***Fall 2010:***

- 350 – 400 jobs will be created to complete the 14 – 16 month infrastructure project.
- First vertical building projected to begin.

***2011:***

- The second and third vertical buildings scheduled to begin construction.

***2012:***

- Various high rise, mid rise and commercial projects scheduled to begin.

***About Encore***

The Encore project is an innovative, \$425 million catalyst for the continuing redevelopment of downtown Tampa and Ybor City. Once completed, more than 1,700 people will call Encore home. In addition to offering affordable housing for people of every social and economic spectrum, the development will also host offices, a hotel, a grocery store, ground floor retail, a middle school, an African American history museum and park. Encore will create more than 4,000 jobs during construction and 1,000 permanent jobs. To learn more about Encore go to [www.encoretampa.com](http://www.encoretampa.com).

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