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First Companies Selected by Ada First to Construct New Building in Ada Village

Building respects the historic Village of Ada with architectural details reminiscent of small, local towns

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First Companies announced today the company has been selected by Ada First, LLC to construct a two-story building at 523 Ada Drive SE in the heart of the new Ada Village, designed with the details and character reminiscent of Michigan structures built in the late 1800s/early 1900s. With entrances facing Headley Street – one of the major thoroughfares in the village – the building will provide 4,200 square feet of retail space on the ground level, with office space for businesses on the second floor. Parking will be available on both the west and north sides of the building.

The land for the new building was purchased in February of 2016 with construction to begin in mid-March. Weather permitting, building construction, interior design and tenant build-outs are anticipated to take seven months, with completion slated for October 2016. The structure will feature large storefront windows that invite pedestrians to view into the shops. Metal canopies offer protection from the weather as well as add interest to the façade. All spaces will be prepared for tenant build-outs with concrete floor, drywall, exposed wood ceilings and mechanical/electric services.

“The building is to blend into the existing historic Village setting without drawing special attention to trendy or flashy styles,” commented, architect, Ken Dixon. “Dixon Architecture plans to occupy the second floor with an interior design group, DMC Design, after the build-outs are complete. We look forward to our continued participation in the Village where expanded retail, residential and restaurant offerings will soon be available, in a walkable community that showcases its natural surroundings.”

“The team at First Companies looks forward to fulfilling the vision of Ada First for this new building in the heart of Ada Village,” stated Jeff Baker, president of First Companies. “Our history of successful projects with Dixon Architecture will help ensure the construction process goes as planned and all deadlines are met. We look forward to the grand opening in October.”

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About First Companies

First Companies, Inc. offers commercial real estate, construction and property management services in Michigan and surrounding areas. For nearly 50 years, the company has built a reputation for creating

exceptional physical spaces where businesses thrive – offering vast expertise from locating and developing land, and facilitating the sale or lease of properties, to all aspects of construction, and providing ongoing property management and maintenance for building owners. First Companies is unique in its cross-disciplinary approach and frequently participates as an investor in new projects, pulling together different investment groups depending on the short- and longer-term needs of the customer. The company is well-known for its ethics, integrity and creative problem solving, with highly-experienced professionals on staff in each business area – all under one roof.

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