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GWINNETT FIRE TO BUILD MAINTENANCE FACILITY

(Lawrenceville, Ga., March 20, 2013) – A new state-of-the-art maintenance building to be constructed in Lawrenceville will consolidate and improve repair and testing of Gwinnett's Fire and Emergency Services firefighting equipment.

The building will provide climate-controlled, indoor space for testing hoses and ladders, repairing small engines and tools, and maintaining self-contained breathing apparatus.

Low bidder CRS Building Corp. will start construction of the new building at 620 Swanson Drive next month with completion set for the end of the year. Commissioners approved the \$685,800 construction contract on Tuesday. Funding for the nearly 6,000-square-foot, pre-engineered, warehouse-style building will come from the SPLOST sales tax program.

"We don't need any additional personnel because we're consolidating existing repair and maintenance operations in a single location," said Fire Chief Bill Myers. "This building provides a safe, efficient facility that will help extend the useful life of the vital equipment we use every day to serve and protect the community."

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