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OFFICIALS BREAK GROUND ON NEW PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY, TAG OFFICE

(Lawrenceville, Ga., March 2, 2004) – Officials from the Gwinnett County Police and Fire and Emergency Services departments joined the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners and the Gwinnett County Tax Commissioner today for the groundbreaking of the Mall of Georgia Public Safety Facility and Tag Office.

The project is located on an 8.3-acre parcel of land east of the Mall of Georgia and will include Fire Station No. 24, the Northside Police Precinct and the Gwinnett County Tax Commissioner's Office North Branch (primarily a motor vehicle tag office). Group VI Corporation was awarded the design and build contract and has sub-contracted the design work to the architecture firm Barker, Cunningham and Barrington.

Fire Station No. 24 is a 12,820 sq. ft., three-bay fire station with battalion headquarters and a community room. The fire station will be brick with a faux stone base. The Northside Police Precinct and the tag office will share an 18,860 sq. ft. building. The building will complement the fire station with a similar synthetic stone base and a brick facade.

Both buildings will have a landscaped public parking lot with a total of 205 parking spaces available for citizens. The tag office is being paid for from the general fund, while the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax is funding the fire and police stations.

"This is just another example of how SPLOST is working in our community, and how it makes these types of new facilities possible," said Chairman F. Wayne Hill, "The fire station and police precinct will be wonderful additions to this area, and we look forward to providing these essential services to the folks out there."

Project completion is scheduled for September 2004.

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