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Stirling and Kent Design Build Announce Groundbreaking of New Corporate Headquarters at River Chase

Two Legacy Companies Reaffirm Commitment to St. Tammany Parish and Continue Investing in the Community

Covington, La — Stirling and Kent Design Build today joined St. Tammany Corporation to announce the commencement of construction for River Chase Office II, a cutting-edge Class A office building spanning over 50,000 square feet, which will serve as the new corporate headquarters for both Stirling and Kent Design Build. This strategic move to the River Chase development reflects the companies' commitment to growth, innovation, and investment in St. Tammany Parish.

"Relocating our corporate headquarters is a significant milestone for Stirling. St. Tammany Parish is an ideal location for our corporate headquarters allowing us excellent connectivity to the entire Gulf South Region," said **Townsend Underhill, President & CEO of Stirling**. "We are enthusiastic about the opportunities this move presents for our company and our employees. The new building not only signifies our commitment to growth but also positions us for greater achievements in the years to come."

Stirling and Kent Design Build's new corporate headquarters, near the intersection of Interstate 12 and LA Highway 21, was designed by Southeastern Louisiana-based architecture firm Eskew Dumez Ripple (EDR). The state-of-the-art design represents an investment of more than \$20 million and will include a rooftop terrace, a reservable boardroom for the tenants of the building, and a geothermal HVAC system. The array of advantages provided by this modern workplace facility will bolster the company's commitment to serving clients and employees.

"St. Tammany Parish is our home, and as a lifelong resident of the Northshore, witnessing the ongoing development of the market area has been truly incredible," said **Kyle Kent, President & CEO of Kent Design Build**. "As our company continues to expand, we are proud to continue to invest in our community and work more closely with our partners to deliver world-class projects to the Northshore, South Louisiana, and beyond."

Both companies have a long history of investing and doing business in St. Tammany Parish. Stirling has had an office in the community for over 40 years, and Kent Design Build has been based in St. Tammany since its founding in 1996. Together, they employ over 200 people in St. Tammany.

"Stirling and Kent Design Build have been tremendous partners for St. Tammany Parish, and they have renewed their commitment to our community with this investment," said **St. Tammany Parish President Mike Cooper**.



"When great companies like Stirling and Kent Design Build invest in St. Tammany, it not only provides quality jobs for our citizens but also boosts our nation-leading economy."

"St. Tammany Parish has long been the destination of choice for corporate headquarters and the highly skilled talent that powers their operations," said **Chris Masingill, CEO of St. Tammany Corporation**. "These two premier St. Tammany-based companies represent a cross-section of two industry sectors, real estate and construction, that are critical to our local and regional economy, and their reinvestment into our community exemplify our message that businesses can start up, scale, and stay right here on the Northshore and become incredibly successful."

Renderings of the new facility are below. To learn more about Stirling, contact Ryan Murphy at (985) 246-3771 or rmurphy@stirlingprop.com.

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About Stirling

Stirling is one of the country's most diversified full-service commercial real estate companies. Regionally focused and nationally acclaimed, we specialize in Commercial Advisory Services, Brokerage, Development & Redevelopment, Asset & Property Management, Industrial, and Investments over various property types across the Gulf South. Connect with Stirling Properties on the web at www.stirlingproperties.com, "like" us on facebook.com/stirlingproperties, follow us @StirlingProp on twitter.com/StirlingProp or subscribe to our StirlingProp or subscribe to our Stirl

About Kent Design Build

Kent Design Build is one of the top full-service Design Build construction firms in the Gulf South, based out of Mandeville, Louisiana with regional offices in Lafayette and Baton Rouge. Kyle Kent, President, started the company in 1996 and has grown the company to over 90 full time employees. Learn more about us at www.kentdesignbuild.com. "Like" us on www.linkedin.com/company/73803704/, and follow us on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRfgc11vgr1dd6g7tD2eBSA.

About St. Tammany Corporation

As the lead economic development organization for St. Tammany, <u>St. Tammany Corporation</u> serves as the comprehensive resource center for business services throughout the parish. St. Tammany Corporation's services include business retention, site selection, workforce development, research and data services, state and local incentives, business attraction, talent retention, certified site development, relocation support, and marketing St. Tammany. Since the organization's launch in 2018, St. Tammany Corporation facilitated business expansion and attraction announcements representing over \$279.4 million in capital investment and 2,166 new and retained jobs in St. Tammany Parish.