

Riverview to see \$150M office park, 3,200 jobs

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The Mesa Riverview shopping center will have a new next door neighbor in the coming year — a \$150 million office park that could bring 3,200 jobs to the area.

Indianapolis-based developer Lauth Property Group broke ground Monday on the six-building Riverview Point office park along Alma School Road.

The project has a great location for commuters traveling along the loops 101 and 202, said Dave Carder, vice president of Lauth's Phoenix office. Workers will also have access to retail amenities, such as Mesa Riverview with its 27 restaurants.

"You're really in a central location," he said. "You can serve all parts of the Valley."

The first stage of construction on Riverview Point will include two, two-story office buildings, totaling 160,000-plus square feet. A 50,000-squarefoot medical office building will soon follow.

Both office buildings will meet the highest green building guidelines, among the first buildings in Mesa to reach those environmental standards, said Dave Richins, executive director of the West Mesa Community Development Corp. "I think that's absolutely fantastic that they're considering the big picture," he said.

The jobs brought in will also boost the local economy, he said.

Richins said he knows people who live in nearby neighborhoods who are already getting jobs at Mesa Riverview.