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Center wraps space, services into one

Front Range Business Centers slated for Centerra in Loveland

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Front Range Business Centers will offer new executive office suites plus office services starting this summer at Centerra in Loveland.

Front Range and McWhinney Enterprises will break ground this month on the 63-office business center. This will be the second location for Sandra Greer, owner and operator of Fort Collins Executive Business Center LLC.

Companies that rent space at the business center get more than square feet. They also get access to three conference rooms, workstations, and state-of-the-art networking and telecommunications equipment.

Office spaces in the new 15,000-square-foot building will

range from 100 to 200 square feet and will cost \$550 to \$995 per month. That price also includes reception and administrative support services, phone and Internet, utilities and janitorial services.

The building will be the first free-standing, new-construction office business center in Northern Colorado.

"Don't think of it as leasing space, think of it as leasing a full office system," Greer said. "The simplicity, flexibility and low up-front costs in a business center make them a great office solution. These centers frequently serve as incubators for small businesses, giving them access to technology and support services that they would be unlikely to fund on their own."

Mary Fischer, director of the

Small Business Development Center in Larimer County, calls the business center a wonderful idea.

"This is great for a start-up business. So many don't succeed in the first few years, so you don't want a three- to five-year lease on an office you can't maintain," she said.

Jacob Castillo, Northern Colorado Economic Development Corp. vice president, agrees.

"This gives small business owners or start-up business owners a chance to leverage costs and minimize overhead," he said. "That way they can be more competitive in the marketplace, which is important for a business that's just starting up."

The business center offers an option to present a professional image without having to hire em-

ployees or make long-term commitments and also is beneficial for consultants or businesses relocating to Northern Colorado.

"This gives them a chance to have office space while their space is being constructed or it gives them a chance to establish a presence while the rest of the employee base is being hired locally or relocated," Castillo said.

Business owners appreciate the help. Andrea Smith, an accountant who leases space at the Fort Collins center, said the center offered her resources she couldn't have created in a home office or afforded in traditional office space.

"My business is growing, in part because of the professional environment and services here," she said. "I couldn't be more pleased."



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Jim McWilliams of Goodyear Tire Centers, Paul Brinkman of Brinkman Partners, Sandra Greer of Front Range Business Centers, and Chad McWhinney and Rocky Scott of McWhinney Enterprises break ground for the new Front Range Business Centers complex at Centerra. The new office space is expected to open next summer north of U.S. Highway 34 and Rocky Mountain Avenue in Loveland.