

A new warehouse in Gateway Commerce Center.

E-commerce, business expansions drive Contegra Construction work

Earlier this year, the St. Louis Regional Freightway noted continued strengthening of the St. Louis industrial market with supportive infrastructure spending planned to energize it even more. On the building side, Contegra Construction Co. continues to help businesses optimize their industrial space to fully capitalize on burgeoning demand for products, especially in the age of e-commerce. Planned infrastructure improvements will only increase the value of our region's industrial real estate assets

Contegra has just completed a 210,000-square-foot distribution facility for TriStar Properties at 121 Enterprise Drive in Gateway Commerce Center, west of Illinois 255. It now serves as AB-In Bev's newest distribution center. Later this summer, Contegra will deliver its fourth distribution center at nearby Gateway Tradeport in Pontoon Beach. At more than one million square feet, the facility will give the development 2.7 million square feet of highly-efficient distribution space – all of it built by Contegra. Meanwhile, EQT Exeter has tapped Contegra to build an 800,000-square-foot speculative warehouse/distribution center at

Gateway Commerce Center with completion expected in the fall of this year.

Across the river, in Maryland Heights, Contegra is working toward a mid-year completion of two speculative warehouses of 194,615 square feet each and four more building-ready pads. The buildings will be the first of six industrial facilities planned for Westport Commerce Center, which is being developed by TriStar.

Businesses are also seeking optimal space to grow their companies. Contegra's design/build team just completed a new 70,000-square-foot headquarters and manufacturing facility for Diode Dynamics in St. Charles, Mo. The new facility for the automotive LED manufacturer includes a showroom, two drive-in engineering bays, an electronics manufacturing area, engineering laboratory, 30-foot clear height warehouse, and a two-story office space.

In Granite City, the largest independent metal coil coater in North America tapped Contegra design/build to construct a new 53,000-square-foot manufacturing facility. Precoat Metals paints and coats a variety of metal and needs the new facility to meet the growing demand for steel. It will be completed by the end of this year.



Poettker adding Revela of O'Fallon to its portfolio of projects

Poettker Construction is expanding its portfolio in the multi-family and senior living market and is eager to add the nearly completed Revela of O'Fallon community to its roster of assisted living and memory care projects.

This premier development is an outstanding addition to the City of O'Fallon, the company said, and helps fill the city's master plan goal to ensure residents have optimal options for all phases of their lives. Senior living management company, Premier Senior Living, in partnership with St. Louis Design Alliance selected Poettker early during the design development phase to collaborate with the design team, validate the control budget, and streamline the design and construction process.



The planned Revela of O'Fallon.

"We understand the importance that community-anchored developments like the Revela brand have on senior residents and are thrilled to help bring this much-needed development to the City of O'Fallon," said Ryan Poettker, president of Poettker Construction. "The completion of Revela of O'Fallon will also further establish Poettker as

a trusted construction partner in the multi-family, senior living, hospitality, and commercial real estate sectors."

Optimally located on Seven Hills Road near the Public Safety office and the YMCA, Revela of O'Fallon is a 92-unit, 91,629-square-foot community comprised of both assisted living and memory care units. This community, Premier Senior Living's first Illinois destination, will anchor a 26-acre mixed-use development featuring office space, senior living, and residential land uses. Amenities offered in the senior living community include a theater, activity area, library, beauty salon, elegant dining room and beautifully landscaped outdoor areas.

To expedite construction, Poettker partnered with local trade contractors to prefabricate the wood framed structure. Individual wall panels were constructed off-site in weather-controlled space, then delivered to the site as they were needed, and immediately lifted and secured into place. This method offered the most cost-effective solution to continue construction during the wet months.

