

Collaborative Design Group, Inc. to design Farmer's Market Lofts

MINNEAPOLIS (February 16, 2007) - Sweeney Development, LLC has retained Collaborative Design Group, Inc. (CDG) to provide design services for Farmer's Market Lofts. The first of its kind in the country, the design integrates the St. Paul Farmer's Market with condominium housing above.

The design team, led by Brian Lubben, AIA, CID, senior project manager for CDG, seeks to take advantage of this synergy.

"The unique marriage of a seasonal produce market to residential dwelling units supports both in a green approach to building design and living," he said.

Located on Wall Street and East 5th Street in St. Paul's historic Lowertown district, the project takes its architectural inspiration from the century old structures in the neighborhood. Its blend of traditional and contemporary design uses brick, steel, and precast concrete to complement the urban fabric of the area. Traditional proportions, large windows, and careful detailing complete the effect.

The five-story, 85,000 square-foot building includes a 17,000 square-foot indoor market on the first floor to showcase locally grown produce and foods. The remaining floors house a total of 48 condominium units priced between \$159,000 and \$259,000. Construction is scheduled to begin in May.

Collaborative Design Group, Inc. is a multidisciplinary architectural, structural, engineering, interior design, and planning firm located in Minneapolis, Minn. The firm offers comprehensive design services to commercial, industrial, and institutional clients.

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