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Mission Gateway developer prepares to move forward

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The developer of the proposed \$180 million Mission Gateway redevelopment project has new architectural drawings for the project, as well as two new local partners on his development team.

Tom Valenti of [The Cameron Group LLC](#), based in Syracuse, N.Y., said Friday that [RED Brokerage LLC](#) and Caymus Real Estate LLC will provide office leasing and construction consulting, respectively, for the nearly 1 million-square-foot mixed-use project.

Valenti said he hopes to break ground in the summer.

The announcements come two weeks after [Kansas officials approved extending a deadline](#) the developer must meet to retain \$63 million in sales tax revenue bonds for the project, which will be anchored by a 75,000-square-foot aquarium and include 140 market-rate apartments, an eight-screen movie theater and a boutique hotel.

The *Kansas City Business Journal* reported last month that Valenti's group, Gateway Developers LLC, had [modified its plan for the former Mission Center mall site](#) to include more office space and less retail space.

The project now includes two office towers — one measuring 300,000 square feet and the other 125,000 square feet — that will be connected by a 30,000-square-foot fitness center. The new plan also calls for a 45,000-square-foot grocery store and 3,000 parking spaces.

Valenti said his new partners, which include RED's **Tim Schaffer** and Caymus' **Dave Harrison**, add credibility to the project.

"Having RED and Caymus being involved sends a message to the community here that this is real and it is going to happen," Valenti said.

Valenti said the Gateway project will be built in two phases, beginning with the aquarium and apartments.

The project has been years in the making. Gateway Developers bought the property from The Cameron Group in 2006.



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