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**Opus North Announces New Lease at Oakwood Crossings Business Center**

**ROSEMONT, Ill. ( December 10, 2008 ) –**

Rosemont, Ill.-based Opus North Corp. has announced that Yaskawa Electric America, Inc., has leased 107,152 square feet at Oakwood Crossings Business Center I. The 139,726-square-foot, new-construction facility is located in Opus North's Oakwood Crossings Business Center, an industrial, multi-tenant development in Oak Creek, Wisc.

Bob Flood and Paul McBride from RFP Commercial brokered the long-term lease on behalf of Opus North. John Hauser from Cushman and Wakefield and Terry McMahan from The Boerke Company represented Yaskawa Electric America.

“Oakwood Crossings is in a very accessible location within a sub-market that has been very active from the airport to the state line between Wisconsin and Illinois,” said Mike Yungerman, vice president of development for Opus North.

Oakwood Crossings Business Center I was designed by Opus Architects & Engineers. It features 26-foot clear heights, an ESFR sprinkler system, 2 drive-in doors and 14 fully equipped truck docks. The 12.1-acre site also features parking for 172 cars expandable to a total of 280 spaces.

According to Yungerman, the build-out for Yaskawa includes 7,900 square feet of office space and 9,300 square feet of future lab space, in addition to some general warehouse improvements. The tenant will begin occupancy in March 2009.

32,574 square feet are still available for lease in Oakwood Crossings Business Center I.

**About Yaskawa Electric America, Inc.**

In 1967, Yaskawa Electric America, Inc., a U. S. corporation, was created to provide automation solutions and support to customers in North and South America. Established in 1915, Yaskawa Electric Corporation has been leading the way in setting the industry's standards including becoming the world's first company to have manufactured and shipped over 10 million AC drives to go along with another 5 million servomotors. Yaskawa holds international quality excellence awards, including the prestigious Deming Application Prize, and its products are manufactured in ISO-9001:2000 registered facilities.

Opus North Corp. is headquartered in Rosemont, Ill., with offices in Milwaukee, Cincinnati, Columbus, Ohio, and Indianapolis, and is one of five regional companies within the Opus Group. Opus North has developed 311 projects totaling more than 47 million square feet since

starting operations in 1972 and currently has nearly 6 million square feet in planning or under development. The Opus Group, based in Minneapolis, is a \$2.2 billion premier, full-service real estate development company with 55 years experience. Specializing in office, industrial, retail, multifamily, government and institutional development, the Opus Group has completed nearly 2,450 projects totaling 238 million square feet and currently has 35 million square feet in planning or development. Opus employs nearly 2,000 people in 26 offices in the United States and Canada. Committed to creating great real estate, Opus implements best practices in sustainable design and construction to maximize building performance and reduce environmental impact. A community steward since its inception, the Opus Group is committed to the long-term development of people and communities by contributing 10 percent of its pre-tax profits to community organizations. For more information, visit [www.opuscorp.com](http://www.opuscorp.com).