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GSE confirms growth in large-scale cluster projects

GSE participates in the development of cluster projects (*“pôles de compétitivité”*)

Following the construction of the Research and Development Center in Palaiseau, for the Thales Group, in 2005, GSE has just delivered the new premises for the Optical Institute Graduate School, covering a total surface area of 14,000 m².

In close collaboration with the Serau architecture offices, GSE has designed and built over 50,000 m² on the Saclay plateau. With these two major projects, GSE has confirmed its expertise and involvement in building cluster developments.

This innovative cluster project has been designed for technological exchange with the prestigious French school, the Ecole Polytechnique.

The Optical Institute Graduate School project includes 4 building sections which meet the varied and complex constraints inherent in the many Optical Institute activities (anti-vibration, atmosphere treatment, other...).

Buildings house classrooms, two auditoriums, research laboratories, in-house and external communications spaces.

GSE builds the first Hayley project in France

The Hayley firm runs prestigious hotel complexes conference venues in England. For its first center outside of Great Britain, Hayley has selected the site of Château St Just in the French county of Oise, in the town of Belle Eglise, where they will be building a high-class conference center on a beautiful 17-hectare setting.

Hayley has assigned GSE with the design and construction of this real estate project, which includes the following features:



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- Renovation of the château to hold 15 meeting rooms and the administrative offices
- Construction of a conference center and a 150-room 4-star hotel
- Seminar rooms and banquet halls
- Restaurant and kitchen for 500 seatings
- Fitness center

The project, undertaken in collaboration with the G Lehoux and P Phily architecture firm, emphasizes the objective of working with the architectural, environmental and human values inherent to the site.

GSE's new real estate programs confirm its expertise and growth in the complex, innovative service sector projects. This expanding activity features high environmental quality and meets the demands and expectations of the market and the clients, both users and investors.

GSE develops a bio-development park in Aquitaine

Local political authority has focused on working with small and medium-sized business leaders furthering industrial growth in the fields of health and nutrition, leading to plans for the creation of a Bio-Development Park in the town of Pessac, under the auspices of the Aquitaine Agency for Industrial Development.

GSE, under the operational direction of 2ADI, is currently identifying the requirements of the various firms who are interested in participating in this park. GSE will design several modulable yet dedicated buildings for user needs, combine and optimize energy production and industrial fluids, propose financial solutions to meet each company's needs, and deliver the new production tools to the businesses as quickly as possible.

Administrative procedures for this innovative, bold, high added-value project will start in the second quarter of 2007, for operational start-up in summer of 2008, within the framework of collaboration between GSE and the PATRIARCHE architectural offices.

The project:

- Overall zone development
- Development of 6 industrial buildings for each one of the small businesses,
- Development of one central building housing various energy productions
- Development of a business center housing shared services.



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About GSE

The GSE Group is specialized in turn-key delivery of build-to-suit buildings in the industrial, logistics and service sectors.

Since being founded in 1976, GSE has become the benchmark for the General Contractor business, based on total provision of construction contracts (financial arrangements, land choice, technical studies, design and construction). Firmly based on a solid understanding of the client's needs, every GSE undertaking provides a strong commitment to deadline, cost and quality.

In 30 years, GSE has built a total of 12 million m² for clients such as Alcatel, Coca Cola, Danone, Ducros McCormick, Lafarge Plâtres, La Poste, L'Oréal, Michelin, Novartis, Renault, Thales, Thomson and many others.

The GSE group has a staff of 300 worldwide, in France (Avignon, Grenoble, Lille and Paris), Belgium, Switzerland, Great Britain, Ireland, Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Poland, Hungary, Ukraine, Romania, Croacia, the United States, Mexico and China.

Backed by its majority shareholder TowerBrook Capital Partners, the GSE Group continues its strategy for growth and leadership in sectors with strong potential for growth. GSE objectives for the future include the following:

- Strengthen its positioning on the office real estate market,
- Broaden its range of services with innovative, high value-added solutions,
- Intensify its work abroad with its clients expanding on the international market,
- Continue implementation of its skills through growth through acquisition.