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Palm Desert mixed-use center under design

Construction documents are under way for Cook Corner Business Park, a new 100,500-square-foot mixed-use office and retail center located on Gerald Ford Drive in Palm Desert. San Diego-based **Smith Consulting Architects** is providing complete architectural services.

The business park will incorporate six two-story office buildings totaling 80,000 square feet, and 20,500 square feet of retail and restaurant



space. A two-level parking garage with upper-deck metal trellises will be located adjacent to the office buildings.

The buildings feature a subtle color scheme with contrasting accents and entries accented with elements of glazing and stone veneer. Metal trellis overhangs and wall recesses provide shade in the courtyard area.

Gerald Ford Business Park LLC, is the project owner and developer. Bill Sharon is vice president-in-charge for Smith Consulting, with Norman Barrett as project designer. **Dudek & Associates Inc.** is the civil engineer; **Wall Engineering** the electrical engineer; **McParland & Associates** the mechanical and plumbing engineer; and **GSSI** the structural engineer. **Ridge Landscape Architects** is the landscape architect.