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WINDERMERE BREAKS NEW GROUND IN FREELAND--New Windermere Freeland office to be completed in summer of 2007

FREELAND, Wash. -- Windermere Real Estate/Washington, Inc. broke ground on Wednesday, October 4, 2006 for their new Freeland office location at State Route 525 and Freeland Avenue. The Freeland and Langley offices are owned by John Demco, April Kieburtz and Steve Kieburtz. Mr. Demco was there with shovel in hand to break ground at the new building site. Designed by architect Rich Lawson, the building will be constructed by builder Gary Roth of The Roth Company. The new 7,850 square foot Craftsman-style facility will have a cedar shingle exterior and open beam trussed interior. Roth was also the builder of the existing Freeland office building.

The current Freeland office, located at 5595 Harbor Avenue, is 4,200 square feet, houses 35-plus agents and has served south Whidbey since 1991. "We are very excited about our new building," said Barbara Mearing, managing broker. "It will give us the opportunity for continued growth to better serve our community." The new office will have a capacity for 40 agents, with potential space for expansion. The office is scheduled for completion in June of 2007.

About Windermere Real Estate

Windermere Real Estate is the leading residential real estate network in the West with more than 300 offices and 8,000 associates serving neighborhoods in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Wyoming, Washington and British Columbia. Windermere has been consistently ranked as the largest regional real estate brand in the western United States by REAL Trends, a primary source of industry data. Windermere has a proud heritage of serving communities by way of the Windermere Foundation, which provides funding to social service agencies that offer housing and services to low-income and homeless children and families. Windermere's Web site, Windermere.com, receives over 2 million unique visits per month, and is regarded as one of the leading real estate sites in the country in terms of customer usability. In 2006, Windermere was selected as an Official Honoree of the 10th Annual Webby Awards based on excellence in Web site content, design, functionality and overall experience.

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