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ABARTA Building First-Ever Corporate Headquarters in O'Hara

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ABARTA Inc., a family owned holding company for businesses ranging from frozen Asian foods to natural gas drilling, is building a new headquarters in O'Hara.

After 78 years in business, this will be ABARTA's first corporate headquarters; the company has been leasing space inside a building at 1000 Gamma Drive from BGK Group.

"As far as the home office, we never really had a building," said

Tom Bartos, CFO for ABARTA's oil and gas division.

The company bought a vacant lot on Alpha Drive in a Regional Industrial Development Corporation zone and hired Rothschild Doyno Collaborative to draw up plans for a 32,500-square-foot building. A groundbreaking is expected before the end of this year, and a move-in date is likely to be sometime in the fourth quarter

2012, Bartos said.

He estimated the cost of construction will be about \$7 million.

The building will house ABARTA's 84 local employees. Companywide, there are more than 1,100 on staff.

ABARTA, whose 2010 revenue was \$260 million, is now on its third generation of family members running the company.