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Office park gains a tenant

Merge latest to lease space at Summit Place

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An office park under development in the former Allis-Chalmers Corp. manufacturing complex in West Allis has landed another major tenant.

Merge Technologies Inc., a medical software company, has agreed to lease around 22,000 square feet at Summit Place, 6737 W. Washington St., said Richard Carlson, the office park's developer.

Carlson said Thursday that Merge plans to move by April from 1126 S. 70th St., another former Allis-Chalmers building three blocks west of Summit Place. Carlson's firm, Whitnall Summit Development Co., sold the 70th St. office building in 1997 to BGK Equities Inc. of Santa Fe, N.M.

Whitnall Summit has so far developed around 470,000 square feet at Summit Place, which includes both renovated former industrial space and newly constructed space.

Carlson said about 300,000 square feet has been leased or is close to being leased, with tenants attracted by Summit Place's central location near the I-94/I-894/Highway 45 interchange.

Merge will be one of the larger tenants at Summit Place. Merge, which does business as Merge eFilm, announced in January that it will more than double in size with the acquisition of Cedara Software Corp., a Canadian company. That acquisition is expected to be completed by early May.

So far, the largest tenant at Summit Place is Alterra Healthcare Corp., which moved there in November from the Milwaukee County Research Park in Wauwatosa. Alterra, which operates assisted living residences for senior citizens, leases around 44,000 square feet.

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