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CSE Federal Credit Union Selects Consultants and Builders, Inc.  
for Expansion Effort

Ground Soon Breaks on New Headquarters for Top Louisiana CU

DULUTH, Georgia, February 23, 2006 – Louisiana-based CSE Federal Credit Union announced recently that it has chosen Consultants and Builders, Inc. (CBI) as its design/build/brand partner for a new main office and operations center.

The multimillion dollar project win comes after an exhaustive, year-long review that matched the Duluth, GA-based design/builder against 23 competing firms from across the country. Singularly focused in the financial services market, CBI edged out the competition based on its value-oriented, single-source service model, as well as its reputation for leading-edge facility designs influenced by clients' business cultures and community roots.

“As all financial institutions do, CSE Federal takes tremendous pride in its unique values and culture,” said Clark J. Yelverton, President and CEO, CSE Federal Credit Union. “CBI not only went above and beyond in understanding what sets us apart, they opened our eyes to how those qualities can be brought to life in a facility design that’s distinctly CSE Federal.”

Chartered in 1943 to serve employees of what is now the Citgo refinery in Sulphur, CSE Federal is today the fifth largest credit union in Louisiana with assets exceeding \$175 million and over 24,000 members from a variety of employer groups.

CBI answered the credit union’s growth challenge with plans for an impressive new headquarters and operations center to be constructed on a five-acre site in neighboring Lake Charles, LA. Fusing classic with contemporary, the two-story, 28,000 sq.-ft. facility will complement indigenous Bayou

architecture styles with state-of-the-art banking technology. Dominated by stone, metal and glass, centerpieces of the facility design will include a dramatic two-story lobby and six-lane drive-through teller. In addition, a strong retail presence combining greeter stations, plasma screens, and an Internet and coffee bar will further enhance the member experience. The facility is slated to open in the second quarter of 2007.

For Tyler Williams, Executive Vice President, Consultants and Builders, the new business win is credit to CBI's holistic design/build approach. "We're proud to offer CSE Federal and all of our clients not only a premier facility solution, but a 360-degree strategy for growth long-term." He continued, "When the building builds the brand, the brand builds the membership, and that's the ultimate win-win."

The CSE partnership brings continued business momentum for CBI itself, named one of Atlanta's 50 fastest-growing privately-held companies in 2005. "Our success goes hand in hand with that of our clients," said Williams. "We couldn't be more pleased to team with this fine institution, and look forward to a mutually rewarding relationship with CSE Federal well into the future."

### About CBI

Consultants and Builders, Inc. (CBI) is a design-build firm focusing exclusively on the development of financial institutions within the Southeastern United States. Established in 1986, the company is headquartered in Duluth, Georgia, an Atlanta suburb, and offers a wide range of services including facility design, interior design, and construction as well as branding and retail delivery services. For more information, visit [www.consultantsandbuilders.com](http://www.consultantsandbuilders.com).

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