

Atlanta company plans Apopka industrial park

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An Atlanta-based developer is making its first foray into Central Florida with the purchase of 45 acres in Apopka for a 700,000-square-foot industrial park.

Oakmont Industrial Group plans to start construction early next year, Executive Vice President Steve Nelsen said. The park is off County Road 437A near State Road 429, part of the Western Beltway. The planned extension of State Road 414 (Maitland Boulevard) is to intersect with the beltway near the site.

Nelsen said the company views Orlando as "one of the strongest industrial markets in the Southeast" because of its central location within Florida.

The road network was a key factor in Oakmont's choice of a site, he added.

The supply of land zoned for industrial use in Met-

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ro Orlando has been steadily shrinking in recent years through development and conversion to other uses.

Existing industrial space in the market is currently about 93 percent leased, with few large blocks of space available.

The land sale to Oakmont was handled by Roger

Rebman and Lyle Nelsen, both of Winter Park-based Rebman Properties, and Pat Chisholm of Orlando-based Maury Carter & Associates. Rebman Properties will handle marketing and leasing of the park as well.

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