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TOWERPINKSTER KICKS OFF 60TH ANNIVERSARY WITH PLANS TO ANCHOR LOCUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN HEART OF DOWNTOWN GRAND RAPIDS

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., January 17, 2013 – TowerPinkster, one of Michigan’s leading architecture and engineering firms, today announced plans to anchor the redevelopment of 2 East Fulton with new offices in the heart of downtown Grand Rapids.

TowerPinkster will lease the entire second floor (7,488 square feet) of the building, located on the southeastern corner of Fulton and Division. The building, which has been vacant for much of the past 15 years, is owned by Grand Rapids-based Locus Development .

TowerPinkster’s latest commitment to downtown builds on its experience designing and engineering other major restoration projects, such as the LEED Gold-certified renovation of Kendall College of Art & Design’s Historic Federal Building. TowerPinkster also has provided architecture and engineering services for the Kent County Courthouse and the renovation of the Grand Rapids Civic Theatre, among other downtown projects.

“Bringing new life and new jobs to this building at one of the most prominent and historic intersections represents a major step in downtown’s on-going renaissance ,” said Mayor George Heartwell. “A healthy urban core with investments like those being made by TowerPinkster and Locus is vital to ensuring a vibrant future for this city.”

TowerPinkster’s sign will adorn the outside of the multi-tenant building. Locus is in negotiations with several potential ground floor and lower level users.

“Downtown Grand Rapids’ reputation as a center of art, education, design and commerce in Michigan makes 2 East Fulton the perfect home for TowerPinkster’s Grand Rapids team.” said Arnie Mikon, CEO of TowerPinkster. “We are excited to work with Locus to bring new life to another historic building and play a bigger role in the amazing revival of the central city.”

TowerPinkster is serving as the lead architecture and engineering firm on the project. Pioneer Construction is the general contractor.

“TowerPinkster is the perfect anchor for this building in the heart of the city,” said John Green, co-owner of Locus. “Our goal isn’t just to build and restore, but to bring creativity, energy and new jobs to build the downtown community.”

The building was built by Davenport Institute (now Davenport University) in 1949. It was last occupied by Junior Achievement, which relocated in 1998. Since then it has been vacant except for a handful of special events, including ArtPrize 2011, when it hosted SiteLab’s award-winning installation.

About TowerPinkster

TowerPinkster is an architecture and engineering design firm with offices in Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo, Michigan. In 2013 TowerPinkster celebrates its 60th anniversary as a creative solutions firm committed to the enhancement of the built and natural environment and to the design of superior, healthy, sustainable environments for clients and communities. Its Grand Rapids area work includes projects for Kendall College of Art & Design of Ferris State University, Grand Rapids Public Schools, Kent County Courthouse, Kent County Jail and the Grand Rapids Civic Theatre. Visit TowerPinkster online at TowerPinkster.com and www.Facebook.com/TowerPinkster

About Locus Development

In a short time **Locus Development** has made a name for itself as a developer of unique urban developments that inspire downtowns. Other projects include Thirty-Eight, the \$26 million liner building project located at 38 Commerce Ave, Flat Iron Building, Hopson Flats and Founders Brewing, among others. Green, former owner of Elevation Group, and Winkel, former president of Kelwin Properties, established Locus Development in April of 2008 after working together on three very successful downtown renewal projects. The company is committed to building better, smarter places to live, work, and play in the city’s urban core. The company’s tagline “Life, People, Places” emphasizes the firm’s belief that the three components must work in harmony to create a truly great environment. www.locusdevelopment.com