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SK&I Announces Topping Out for Metro & Desoto Buildings

BETHESDA, MD - Nov. 17, 2003 /Send2Press Newswire/ -- SK&I Architectural Design Group, LLC (SK&I - [www.skiarch.com](http://www.skiarch.com)) announced today the topping out of The Metro & The Desoto, located at 1444 and 1445 Church Street, NW, Washington DC. The Owner and Developer, PN Hoffman Construction Development, hosted a topping out party on November 7, 2003.

The projects are located in the heart of the historic 14th Street Corridor of Washington, DC. The Metro is a fifty-three (53) unit condominium complex and The Desoto is a sixty-six (66) unit apartment building. Each is seven stories and approximately 58,000 gsf and are connected by a two level, 46,000 gsf, underground garage. The faade was designed to respond to the warehouse style of its surrounding architecture. Expansive glass openings will compliment the high interior ceilings. The unit types will vary from one-bedroom units to duplex units with generous terrace space and rooftop views of the Washington skyline. Construction began in May 2003 and is scheduled for completion in November 2004.

"SK&I is pleased to participate in this milestone event for The Metro and Desoto projects. We are honored to be part of this accomplished team, and to participate in the revitalization of the 14th Street Corridor," said Sami Kirkdil, SK&I's President.

SK&I Architectural Design Group, LLC (SK&I) is a leading residential and mixed-use architectural design firm located in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Founded in 1999, the company has designed over 2 million square feet of buildings, establishing SK&I as one of the fastest growing architectural firms in the region. The firm's award-winning innovative design work has been acknowledged both nationally and internationally.

Other SK&I projects currently under construction include: The Lofts at Crystal Towers, The Edgemoor, The Berkeley, Massachusetts Court, 1441 Rhode Island Avenue, Wheaton Netterstrom, Alexan Eisenhower, Alexan Virginia Center, the Paramount at Reston.

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