

Gaspar does Gateway

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Gaspar Properties Inc. plans to add 65,000 square feet of offices to the Gateway business district in Pinellas County after acquiring the former Geonex Corp. headquarters at 8950 Ninth St. N.

The 36-year-old building, which stood empty after Geonex was acquired in early 2000, has gotten a new look. with suspended metal awnings, oversize windows, new air conditioning and electrical systems, a grand entry and the addition of computer wiring.

Gaspar chose the Gateway location because of its proximity to the entire Tampa Bay area, said Hamilton Jones, president of the Tampa-based company.

"The project has received an unbelievable reception from neighbors and passersby who welcomed the updated look," he said.

BayLife Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation recently became the building's first tenant, taking 8,000 square feet, and several other tenants are scheduled to move in this month, Jones said.