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New trade school set for credit union

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CORPUS CHRISTI — A former Teacher's Credit Union building near Allen Samuels Chevrolet is being renovated into a new trade school.

The property, at 2000 S. Padre Island Drive, was sold to MAG Enterprises and most recently housed Maverick Engineering. It was sold to a private company and its new tenant is ATI Enterprises, a North Richland Hills-based company.

Matt Nine, a managing partner of Premier Realty Advisors, represented the company in the transaction and said construction started this week and is expected to continue through April 1, when the school is scheduled to open.

The interior of the building will be renovated, with an additional 6,400 square feet added to the building for a total of 30,000 square feet, Nine said.

He declined to comment on the name of the school or the types of skills it would teach, saying the company is awaiting word on licensing and permitting requirements before sharing that information.

The property appealed to the company because the location had a large parking lot and provides maximum exposure to South Padre Island Drive and Crosstown Expressway, Nine said. It doesn't hurt that it will be across the freeway from the proposed Crosstown Commons outdoor mall at Greenwood Drive and Holly Road, said real estate broker **Matthew Cravey**.

Cravey said the property's appeal also included its trees.

"It gave the property a campus feel," Cravey said.

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