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CORAL GABLES MUSEUM CONSTRUCTION COMMENCES

Construction has commenced at the site of the future Coral Gables Museum, 285 Aragon Avenue. The coral stone structure, built by the WPA in 1939, originally served as Coral Gables Police and Fire Station. Restoration and rehabilitation of the building is guided by Jorge L. Hernandez Architect's project Manager, Matt Anders. The contractors, Dooley Mack , and a team from Thunder Demolition have carefully removed walls, floors and ceilings which were not original to the building, exposing the original Key Largo coral stone, Cuban tiles, wood frame casement windows, Dade County pine doors, lofty ceilings and etchings in the walls of the old jail cells. The renown firm Conservation Solutions has also been on site to test the integrity of the original materials and recommend restoration processes.

The Coral Gables Museum, a civic arts museum, is scheduled to open in 2010. The public is invited to view the restoration in process and see Museum plans, models and renderings this Friday, November 21st at 5:30pm, at a hard hat reception and tour, held in conjunction with the American Institute of Architects Celebrate Architecture Month. RSVP required. Call 305-910-3996 or e-mail info@coralgablsmuseum.org to reserve.

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Photo attached: Project manager Matt Anders, r, and George from Thunder Demolition at the construction site.