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### **Ground Breaks For Icon On Bond**

Ground breaking ceremonies were held Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, for first phase of the Icon On Bond project, involving construction of a nine story tower containing 118 residential condominiums. The work is being financed primarily by an investment fund backed by organized labor pension funds.

The project is being developed by Moch International, led by the father and son team of Joseph W. and Joseph A. Moch, both attorneys. Phase II is to be a second story tower offering the same number of condominiums. Moch International plans on using only union contractors to handle construction.

The brownfield site for the towers formerly was home to the Grand Rapids Foundry. It's at the northwestern and southeastern corners of Trowbridge Street and Bond Avenue. To support the project the city of Grand Rapids will be investing in \$1.8 million in street and underground utility improvements.

Turning the ceremonial shovels for the first tower of Icon On Bond were: Jeanne Englehart, Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce; Sandy Ring, chief operating officer of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation; Michigan Representative Michael Sak; Tracy Walker, Icon On Bond; Joseph Mock Sr. and Joseph Moch Jr., father and son with Moch International; Lana Boldi, Kent County Democratic Party; John Cobe, president of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 324; Grand Rapids Mayor George Hartwell; and Grand Rapids City Commissioner Roy Schmidt.