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## **THORBURN ASSOCIATES, INC AWARDED DESIGN CONTRACT FOR NISSAN NORTH AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS**

Nissan's decision to move their North American headquarters to Franklin, Tennessee has fueled construction for a ten-story, 450,000 square-foot facility. Thorburn Associates (TA) will provide acoustical and audiovisual engineering services for the project, scheduled for completion in 2008.

Nissan was founded in Japan in 1933 and first imported trucks to the United States in the late 1950's under the Datsun name. Since then, Nissan has had significant growth and success with locations across the globe. <http://www.nissanusa.com/>

The city of Franklin with its agricultural roots has increased in population to nearly 50,000 while attracting industry and commercial business. <http://www.franklin-gov.com/>

The architects for the project, Gresham, Smith and Partners, are designing the building to incorporate the 50-acre site's green spaces and emphasize energy saving approaches. The building will serve over 1,000 employees in the glass and metallic structure. <http://www.gspnet.com/>

TA is a full service design and engineering firm specializing in acoustic and technology related systems with offices in California and North Carolina. <http://www.ta-inc.com/>

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