



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
May 14, 2014

Media Contact:
Kelli Epp/The DeBerry Group
kelli@thedeberrygroup.com
210-710-8048

**Brooks City Base Partners with The PPA Group and 210 Development Group
to Convert Barracks Into Apartments**

(SAN ANTONIO) – Brooks City Base has announced a partnership with The PPA Group and 210 Development Group to convert barracks at Brooks City Base into residential apartments. The complex, to be named Aviator at Brooks City Base, will include the adaptive reuse of four existing structures previously used for officer-enlisted quarters when Brooks was an operating Air Force base. Three additional buildings will also be constructed to complete the development. Plans for the new multi-family project were announced today at an event held on the grounds of the barracks at Brooks City Base.

“This project is exactly what our community had in mind when we set out to redevelop Brooks City Base,” said San Antonio District 3 City Councilwoman Rebecca Viagran. “By taking something old and breathing new life into it, we are respecting the history of this property and creating new, beautiful places for people to live. I am so proud to see this project move forward.”

The complex will be comprised of 280 units with rent ranging from \$875 to \$1,500 per month. The development team expects to start construction in July 2014, intends to begin pre-lease activity in 6 to 8 months, and plans for project completion by the end of summer 2015.

“These apartments will truly be unique due to the character and ambiance that comes with adaptive reuse projects,” said Mark Tolley, Partner at 210 Development Group. “Even the old dining hall will be converted into a leasing office/community center for the project. This is an opportunity for smart growth, green building and infill on San Antonio’s Southside.”

“We are excited to be a part of the development team for Aviator at Brooks City Base,” said John A. Latham, Chief Investment Officer at The PPA Group. “The distinctive designs within the units and the

overall look and feel of the project are sure to make this Class A property one of the coolest on the Southside of San Antonio. The entire redevelopment of Brooks City Base is extremely positive for San Antonio and is indicative of a dynamic and forward-thinking approach. We intend to make this one of the most desirable places to live in the city.”

The development will attract professionals working at businesses in and around Brooks City Base including Mission Solar, formerly Nexolon America, and Mission Trail Baptist Hospital, as well as tenants from the Eagle Ford Shale region, not to mention students at Texas A&M San Antonio Brooks City Base.

“The team at 210 Development Group has been working with the federal government on base refurbishment projects for 20 years,” said Brooks City Base President & CEO Leo Gomez. “We believe their vision to transform the old Brooks barracks into apartments is an exciting opportunity to preserve our heritage while creating a wonderful new and exciting housing option for our community.”

Apartments will range in size from approximately 780 to 1,000 square feet and will come with a full suite of amenities including two swimming pools, a community center and considerable open space for outdoor activities. Residents will also receive a gym membership to the Brooks City Base Health and Wellness Center.

“Saving these buildings that would have potentially ended up in a landfill and converting them into new apartments is a way that we can pay homage to San Antonio’s rich military history,” said Michael Wibracht, President of 210 Development Group. “We are thrilled to partner with Brooks City Base.”

Brooks City Base is currently working with Live Oak-Gottesman to develop a master plan for the growing 1,200-acre campus as it continues to grow into a thriving live, work, learn and play community and catalyst for progressive development and prosperity in the region.

About Brooks City Base

Brooks City Base is a community of more than 1,200 acres planned for mixed-use development that includes residential, retail, office, and light industrial opportunities. Since its inception, the community has attracted 26 businesses including Mission Solar, Mission Trail Baptist Hospital, DPT Laboratories, Wyle Integrated Science and Engineering, Texas A&M-San Antonio Brooks City Base, VMC, Bridge PTS, Grubb Engineering, the City/County Emergency Operations Center, the Brooks Academy of

Science and Engineering Charter School, The Landings at Brooks City Base apartment community, and a variety of restaurants and retail stores. For more information, visit www.brookscity-base.com.

About The PPA Group

The PPA Group is a privately held, commercial real estate investment and development company headquartered in Austin, Texas. The company owns and manages apartment communities throughout Texas. In 2009 and 2010, *INC. Magazine* ranked The PPA Group within the Top 100 and Top 20 Fastest Growing Real Estate Companies, respectively. In 2012, Monte Lee-Wen, President and CEO, was a recipient of the Austin 40 Under 40 Award. For more information, visit www.theppagroup.com.

About 210 Development Group

210 Development Group is a privately held development company headquartered in San Antonio with over 28 years developing and constructing mixed use and residential projects nationwide. The company specializes in unique adaptive reuse and urban infill projects focusing primarily in Texas. For more information, visit www.210Developers.com.

###