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Developers are moving dirt across the country: building new retail and mixed-use centers, and renovating and rehabbing existing properties. Here's the view from 30,000 feet by JOE GOSE

Alabama Altera Development and Economic Development Strategies of America are putting the finishing touches on the Village at Brock's Gap and the Village at Crosswinds retail projects. The former is a 77,000-square-foot lifestyle center in the fast-growing city of Hoover. Among its tenants are O'Henry's Coffee; the Organic Harvest Grocery Store & Café; The

Whole Scoop Ice Cream Shop; and the Pointe Dance Arts school. The latter center, in Phenix City, a stone's throw from Georgia's Fort Benning, will have a 40,000-square-foot Renfroe's Market as anchor.



Alaska Construction is set to begin on a downtown Anchorage mixed-use project called Downtown Edge at The Rail. The 11-acre development, near Port of Alaska, will comprise luxury town homes, apartment suites, an outdoor performance

venue and a park, in addition to retail and restaurant space. This public-private venture of the Alaska Railroad and local developers is being done with financing from First National Bank Alaska.