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**SUNCOAST CREDIT UNION MAKES NEW INVESTMENT IN EAST TAMPA
AND GREEN INITIATIVES**

TAMPA, Fla. (Oct. 9, 2018) — Suncoast Credit Union employees began moving into a state-of-the-art space this week, marking the first major brick-and-mortar expansion project under President and CEO Kevin Johnson, located in east Tampa.

Johnson, who took the helm in October 2016, carries on the tradition of the company's commitment to green and sustainable practices and providing employees with a healthy place to work. Suncoast Credit Union is the largest credit union in Florida with more than \$9.2 billion in assets and 790,000 members.

"We are excited and proud to open a new state-of-the-art building that provides an innovative and comfortable work environment for our people, while being good stewards of the environment and our neighborhood, as well as the communities we serve," Johnson said. "It's about making a positive impact in everything that we do and watching the benefits trickle down to our valued members and the east Tampa area."

The new building at 6536 E. Hillsborough Avenue is an expansion of the existing headquarters, which is located across the street. Nicknamed Admin II, the three-story, 107,176 square-foot building will house more than 250 employees. The planning stages focused on air, light, comfort and fitness. As a result, the building features a walking path, outdoor rocking chairs, and one of the largest solar panel arrays in the Tampa Bay area.

Holmes Hepner & Associates, award-winning architects for the project, used innovative, vibrant and inspiring design to reflect the collaborative culture of Suncoast Credit Union. General contractor for the new headquarters is Creative Contractors Inc. of Tampa, notching its fifth project with Suncoast Credit Union.

Also incorporated are nationally recognized 'High Performance' Green Building design standards. The sustainable site design includes orientation of the building's glass and existing tree canopies to reduce overall solar heat gain. Since 2013 Suncoast has built thirteen "green" buildings, five of which are net zero, meaning zero electricity is used.

In addition, the development of the property has generated multiple improvements to the surrounding community infrastructure, including enhancements to Hillsborough Avenue. The additional office space allows for the repurposing of existing facilities to reflect the current and future needs of the credit union, which will also result in more employee growth.

About Suncoast Credit Union

Suncoast Credit Union is the largest credit union in the state of Florida, the eighth largest in the United States based on membership, and the 12th largest in the United States based on its more than \$9.2 billion in assets. Chartered in 1934 as Hillsborough County Teachers Credit Union, Suncoast Credit Union currently operates 66 full-service branches and serves more than 790,000 members in the following Florida counties: Charlotte, Citrus, Collier, DeSoto, Dixie, Gilchrist, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lee, Levy, Manatee, Marion, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota and Sumter, with 18 additional counties added to its field of membership, served through digital and online channels. Since its founding in 1990, the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation has raised and donated more than \$22 million to organizations and initiatives that support the health, education and emotional well-being of children in the communities that the credit union serves. For more information, visit: suncoastcreditunion.com, [Facebook.com/SuncoastCreditUnion](https://www.facebook.com/SuncoastCreditUnion) or @SuncoastCU.

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