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Groundbreaking planned for Trump Tower

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The long-awaited groundbreaking of the 52-story Trump Tower Tampa project in downtown Tampa has been scheduled for an invitation-only event March 2.

It's unclear whether Donald Trump himself will be at the groundbreaking, but Tampa city officials, Trump Tower owners and guests, as well as members of the development team will be on hand to break ground on the \$260 million luxury condominium tower at 111 S. Ashley Drive.

Trump Tower is being developed by a partnership of Donald J. Trump and [SimDag](#), a Tampa-based real estate development company. Also involved is [Turner Construction](#), [Smith Barnes Santiesteban Architects](#), [HomeBanc](#) and the [Toni Everett Co.](#)

When the project is complete, it will be the tallest residential building on the Gulf coast, according to developers.

Trump Tower Tampa has been plagued with delays and changes since Trump himself visited Tampa to launch the project back in February 2005. At the time, Trump said [groundbreaking would happen before summer](#), but would be delayed for months over problems with the sea wall bordering the Hillsborough River.

Turner Construction was [brought in last December to construct the project](#), and [IBA Consultants](#) was hired [to take care of the building envelope, glass and waterproofing](#).

Mark Huey, Tampa's economic development coordinator, will represent the city administration in place of Mayor Pam Iorio, who will instead be attending the funeral of her driver and bodyguard, Detective Juan Serrano, who was killed in a hit-and-run accident on Saturday.

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