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Hobbs Brook and Columbia Top Off Corporate Campus

Margulies Perruzzi Architects

Waltham, MA- Columbia Construction Company, serving as construction manager, and Hobbs Brook Management marked a milestone at the Hobbs Brook Office Park campus by hosting a topping off ceremony on February 24 at the site's location, 175-185 Wyman Street in Waltham.

The entire 175-185 Wyman Street complex will be designed to meet green building standards. Columbia is playing an active role with Hobbs Brook Management and Margulies Perruzzi Architects in the planning, documentation and achievement of LEED Gold certification with the U.S. Green Building Council.

The original 335,000sf building was demolished and 90% of the steel, concrete and masonry were recycled. The two new buildings will utilize an existing under-



Hoisting the beam with the traditional pine tree and American flag

ground water storage tank to capture storm-water runoff for irrigation purposes.

In addition, the project includes implementation of a green housekeeping program and construction of new roofs with a high reflection rating to reduce the heat island effect.

"Having spent 10 months in preconstruction and now in construction for just seven months, Columbia is honored to be partnering with Hobbs Brook Management, Margulies Perruzzi Architects and their consultants," stated Jim Marsh, senior vice president and COO of Columbia Construction. "The entire preconstruction and construction process has been a truly remarkable experience due to the highly collaborative effort by all team members."



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270 Centre Street

Vertec Corp. GC / Studio G Architects

Boston, MA - The 270 Centre Street project scheduled to be completed in 2010 is a 40,000sf mixed-use project for the Jamaica Plain NDC that incorporates retail and office space at the first floor and affordable housing units on the upper three floors.

Located across from the Jackson Square T Station and adjacent to the Southwest Corridor Park, the project is being developed as a sustainable, Transit-Oriented Development (TOD).

The project team includes Vertec Corp as general contractor; Studio G Architects; structural engineer Souza True & Partners, Inc.; mechanical, plumbing, electrical and fire protection engineers WBA, Inc.; civil engineer Nitsch Engineering; and traffic engineer Howard/Stein-Hudson Associates.

The owner is CWL Housing LLC.

Spanning Centre, Wise and Lamartine streets, the site bridges the small scale one- and two-family homes of Wise Street and the seven story Bromley Heath Housing Development. It is the first new construction in Jackson Square, and continues the streetwall from Hyde Square, Boston's Latin Quarter.



270 Centre St. rendering by Studio G Architects

The mixed-use building is designed to minimize fossil fuel use, preserve natural resources, and maximize indoor air quality. With a high performance envelope and energy-efficient systems, it meets Energy Star and LEED standards.

The building design includes passive solar strategies, such as orienting the building with long elevations to the north and south and maximizing natural light and ventilation with large operable windows. The roof is planned to incorporate a photovoltaic array providing electricity to the building, and drought-resistant vegetation to reduce the heat island effect.

Residential units range from studios to three bedrooms, with barrier-free apartments in all sizes.

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BRA Approves Multi-Use Project

Mayor Thomas M. Menino announced that the Boston Redevelopment Authority Board granted approval for a development project located at 333-339 West Broadway in South Boston. The project includes the creation of a five-story mixed-use building containing 15 residential homeownership units with a ground-floor commercial unit and below-grade parking. Two of the 15 units will be affordable. Totaling 6,176sf, the project will include a mix of one- and two-

bedroom units, all of which will have exterior decks.

The current three-story building on the site will be razed to make way for the new building.

The development team consists of Paul Adamson and Mark Cummins of South Boston, as the developers/contractors, Tim Johnson of Tim Johnson Architects LLC, as the architect, and Daniel McDevitt, as the attorney.

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