



## **BOND named construction manager for \$25 million Providence Public Library (PPL) project**

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Shown (from left) are: Dan Ramos, BOND; Jack Reed, RI Senator; Kim Silvestri, BOND; and Aaron Peterman, PPL chief operating officer.

Providence, RI Providence Public Library (PPL) has engaged BOND, a building, civil, utility and energy construction firm, as construction manager for the state's largest-ever public library renovation beginning later this summer. During an official public announcement on July 13th, PPL unveiled their plans for the new building project. The event was attended by members of Rhode Island's congressional delegation, including Senator Jack Reed, as well as PPL trustees, executives, major project funders and the project team.

The \$25 million project will address required life safety systems upgrades, as well as make major infrastructure improvements to PPL's downtown buildings (150 Empire Street). The 83,000 s/f project will transform the Library's 1950s wing, auditorium, and special collection areas to provide 21st century library services for Providence and other Rhode Island residents.

"We are excited about our work and contribution to the City of Providence and the State of Rhode Island as construction manager for the PPL," said Dan Ramos, regional manager, BOND's Providence Office.

"I am thrilled to be working on the PPL project as a lifelong Rhode Islander who has enjoyed the library resources," said Kim Silvestri, BOND project executive.

The project is scheduled to begin this month and take place in stages over approximately 18 months. The project will be funded in part by an \$8.8 million grant from the Rhode Island

Office of Library and Information Services.

The project architect is designLAB of Boston, the same firm that served as the architect for PPL's 1900 building renovation completed in January 2013.

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