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Innovative Newport nears completion: \$8 million office space project

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Newport, RI Construction of Innovate Newport, a 34,000 s/f, three-story office space located on Broadway, is nearing completion. Formerly the old Sheffield Elementary School, the building is being repurposed and transformed to provide high-tech office suites, co-work space, shared conference and huddle rooms, a café, and a large event space with the latest technology available.

The \$8 million project will create newly developed office space producing opportunities for

both new and established companies. Innovate Newport provides a high-quality collaborative environment and is targeted towards existing companies in the marine sciences and underwater technology sectors. The co-work space is available to entrepreneurs and start-ups in all industry sectors.

The Innovate Newport project is a partnership between the City of Newport, Newport County Chamber of Commerce, and the Economic Development Foundation of Rhode Island (EDFRI). EDFRI is the city's preferred developer for the project. The project design team includes Northeast Collaborative Architects overseeing the overall project and exterior design, Studio TROIKA providing interior design services, and DiPrete Engineering providing parking and stormwater improvements, as well as landscape design. The project is being constructed by Pezzuco Construction.

The co-work and office spaces are located on the first and second floors with a complete build-out of the ground floor on hold for possible future development. Utility rooms, equipment, and a mailroom area for accepting deliveries are also on the ground floor along with the main entrance and wheelchair accessibility to a new elevator.

“This has been a really exciting project to be a part of,” said Molly Titus, project manager at DiPrete Engineering. “The addition of a state-of-the-art office building will add to Newport's growing technology sector.”

Innovate Newport is scheduled to open this month.

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