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## **Shawmut Design & Const. to build Roger Williams University construction management center**

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Roger Williams University plans to build a new Construction Management Project Center on campus. Shawmut Design and Construction has committed nearly all of the resources needed to build the new meeting space, which is expected to be completed by fall.

The 1,250 s/f facility will provide a centralized conference space for upper division construction management students to study, engage in club and team academic competitions, and meet with industry professionals. The new center will feature an open work area that can serve as a laboratory, classroom, lecture hall or teleconferencing center. This space will also include a separate area that shall be used as a semi-private conference room with a reconfigurable glass wall.

Vision 3 Architects donated resources to develop the new center's impressive architectural design.

"Shawmut is committed to helping develop our next generation of talented construction management professionals. RWU's new project center is an exciting development that exemplifies our continued relationship with the University," said Bill Hughes, president and chief operating officer at Shawmut. "By helping to provide this valuable resource to a preeminent educator in construction management, we are making an investment in education and the future of the construction industry."

RWU and Shawmut have created a number of partnerships over the last several years. Most recently, Shawmut was responsible for constructing RWU's Global Heritage Hall, the "hub" of global research, scholarship, study and collaboration for the University.

"Through this generous contribution, Shawmut is helping to provide a dedicated, professional meeting space where our students can mature both as scholars and young professionals ready for the workforce," said Roy Nirschel, Ph.D., president of Roger Williams University. "RWU's continued partnership with one of the top construction management firms in the country enhances the educational experience we provide to our students. I am also delighted that Vision 3, which like Shawmut, employs so many Roger Williams graduates, has designed this space. This is a perfect example also of the design-build dialogue we try to impart to students pursuing construction management, architecture and engineering. "

The Construction Management Project Center will be a valued amenity for both upper division Construction Management undergraduates as well as students enrolled in RWU's new Master of Science in Construction Management program beginning this fall.

Roger Williams University is a leading independent, coeducational liberal arts university at which students live and learn to be global citizens. With 40 academic programs and an array of co-curricular activities on its Bristol campus, RWU is committed to its mantra of learning to bridge the world. Under the leadership of president Nirschel, Ph.D., the university has achieved unprecedented academic and financial successes.