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## **New Portsmouth Harbor Events Center to open in May**

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The new Portsmouth Harbor Events and Conference Center located at Portwalk Place is planned to be open in May. The Center will be a full service conference and event facility offering pre-function and event space for corporate and private functions. Construction began on the facility in July 2009. The Event Center is part of Portwalk, a planned pedestrian friendly integrated urban development featuring boutique shops, cafés, residences and a Residence Inn by Marriott Hotel, which is scheduled to open in June, will offer 128 eco-friendly suites.

The Event Center is striving to be the first LEED certified facility in the greater seacoast area, making it the perfect choice for Government-related conferences that require being hosted in a LEED Certified facility, or for guests who are looking for an environmentally friendly venue. Regional & recycled materials are used in construction and incorporate environmentally beneficial strategies such as the use of white roofing, deploying water efficient landscaping, and promoting alternate transportation. The new event facility plans to reduce water usage by 30%, utilize optimized energy management systems, provide enhanced indoor air quality and ventilation, and utilize "Green Cleaning" practices, benefiting both its guests and the environment.

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