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## **Weston relocates regional headquarters to Concord**

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Weston Solutions, Inc. (WESTON) has relocated its regional operations after revitalizing a former industrial property into a vibrant, sustainable "green" office building. This move is a "homecoming" of sorts, as WESTON's offices were located in Concord for twenty years before the company moved to Manchester in 1996.

WESTON's newly constructed building is located within the Horseshoe Pond Redevelopment Corridor. WESTON acquired the vacant site in 2008 and later deconstructed the structures, recycling more than 95% of the demolition debris. Selective timbers and granite blocks were salvaged for reuse in the new building and surrounding landscaping. The project followed an integrated design-build approach that encouraged collaboration between the project stakeholders.

The two-story structure was erected in less than 6 months and on budget. The building features innovative products and technologies that work together to increase the efficiency of the space and the comfort and wellness of its occupants. Among the sustainable features included are a geothermal heating and cooling system, automated thermal and lighting controls and a GreenGrid vegetated green roof system.

Project documentation has been submitted to the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) to achieve Gold certification under the LEED program.

Low impact site development practices such as an underground storm water retention system captures drainage. By eliminating storm water runoff, WESTON's new building does not burden the city's sewer system. Several architectural elements were incorporated into the building to highlight the site's historic past.

Peter Ceribelli, WESTON chief operating officer proudly spoke about the new office building, "We have transformed an underutilized property into a valuable asset using the same integrated process that we provide to our clients. This inspiring workplace illustrates our commitment to sustainability and green redevelopment in a manner that benefits our employees and the community."

The interior space balances employee privacy with collaborative teaming and conference areas—just the type of space that fosters integrated problem-solving for which WESTON is known. Through an interactive touch screen mounted in the building's lobby, green features and energy usage are displayed to educate visitors and employees alike about the project.

Todd Walles, WESTON's northeast division manager said, "The revitalized property is a showcase for collaborative and flexible work environments that will be enjoyed by many for years to come. Best of all, we built green without paying a premium in construction costs. Through proactive planning and creativity, we incorporated sustainable practices and finished on time and on budget."

Weston is a global leader in environmental solutions, sustainable development, design/build construction, green buildings, and clean energy. Dedicated to making a difference in the world, the company's 1,800 people reach out from 60 offices to build strong stakeholder relationships and

provide solutions that work. WESTON has been responding to our clients' toughest problems for more than 50 years.

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