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## **The Beal Companies and Mass. Eye and Ear Infirmary break ground on 90,000 s/f: project team includes Suffolk Construction and Tsoi/Kobus**

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Mayor Thomas Menino, John Fernandez, president and chief executive officer of Mass. Eye and Ear Infirmary (Mass. Eye and Ear), Bruce Beal, chairman of The Beal Companies, and Robert Beal, president of The Beal Companies, celebrated the commencement of construction of Mass. Eye and Ear's new facility in the Longwood area in the Mission Hill neighborhood. In addition to outpatient clinics and surgical facilities operated by Mass. Eye and Ear, the new building will include a café, retail stores and garaged parking.

"Mass. Eye and Ear's facility will create another 125 construction jobs, and 70 permanent jobs in this key industry. Boston's hospitals and medical institutions are the backbone of our economy, and I'm excited they are thriving and expanding in our city," said Menino.

The property is owned and being developed by The Beal Cos. and involves the renovation and expansion of an existing building located at 800 Huntington Ave. The final building will be 90,000 s/f and contain 150 parking spaces.

"This new facility will allow us to meet the growing demand for the specialized services we provide," said Fernandez. "The proximity to so many hospitals in the Longwood area and to our teaching and research partner Harvard Medical School will allow more opportunities for collaboration in patient care and clinical research initiatives."

"We are proud of our continuing role of working with Boston's important medical institutions to expand access to their life changing services and programs into Boston's neighborhoods" said Robert Beal. The Beal Cos. is the owner/developer of the project.

The project development team includes Tsoi/Kobus & Associates as the project architect and Suffolk Const. as the construction manager.

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