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## **Haynes Group begins renovation of Paradigm Properties' RS/56: TRO/Jung Brannen designs former HP Hood site**

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The Haynes Group Inc. entered into an agreement with building owners and managers Paradigm Properties for a multi-phase renovation and modernization of 56 Roland St. Formerly known as Washington Crossing, this site is comprised of three office buildings totaling over 155,000 s/f. Located 1 block away from I-93's exit 28 and Sullivan Sq., this site offers access to downtown Boston, Cambridge, and Logan Airport through the use of the MBTA's Orange line and bus routes. Built in the early 1900s, this property was the former site of Charlestown based HP Hood, and has undergone continual interior and exterior improvements, with the most recent extensive upgrades in 2002. Planned improvements, designed by architect TRO Jung|Brannen, and currently under construction will include renovations to both lobbies, common areas, exterior façade, parking areas and new green and hard scape. In addition to a complete overhaul of the base building systems, all current vacancy has been demolished and will be rebuilt upon lease up. In conjunction with the improvements, the property will also be rebranded under the new name RS/56.

"We are excited for the opportunity to partner with Paradigm Properties and TRO Jung|Brannen in the renovation of this historic building," said Bryan Haynes of the Haynes Group. "This project is a great example of collaboration between building owners, architects, tenants and the city of Boston to produce a finished product that is mutually beneficial".

Haynes Group began phase one of the construction in mid-March with light demolition of the interiors to accommodate new open air office space. The renovations will reflect a modern industrial style, incorporating original building elements of exposed brick and wood beams with new high end finishes. The first fit out is currently underway, which is a 6,000 s/f renovation for Ecologic's suite.

In addition to its convenient location to the city, RS/56 offers ample, free on-site parking, two main loading dock areas, 5 elevators, and state of the art fiber optic network. RS/56 is also nearby many other amenities including hotels, and a variety of retail establishments.

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