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Jewish Vocational Service, Inc. (JVS) has leased 42,179 s/f at 75-101 Federal St. for its new headquarters. Michael Grill and Hillary Brown of Fairlane Properties, Inc. and Kevin Brown of Brown & Wagner, LLC represented JVS. Tim Bianchi of Cushman & Wakefield represented Pearlmark Real Estate Partners, owner of 75-101 Federal St.

Robert Hughes of Finard Properties headed up the JVS board's Real Estate Committee and guided the search. DiMella Shaffer is providing JVS with design services and Holland & Knight provided legal assistance during lease negotiations. Lincoln Property Company, property manager of 75-101 Federal St., will also be providing construction management services during the construction process.

JVS, which opened its first offices in 1938, is currently located in Downtown Crossing and will take occupancy on Federal St. in spring 2015. The leading workforce development agency in the state, JVS serves nearly 20,000 clients per year, and is funded through a combination of public sources, employer fees, and private philanthropy. JVS has been recognized locally and nationally for its workforce development model.

, its clearly demonstrated return on investment and long-standing employer partnerships.

Located at 75-101 Federal St., the new JVS Center for Economic Opportunity will be a comprehensive career and training center that offers college credit, job placement, financial literacy and advanced technical training in growing industries. With space on two floors, this facility will house the city's downtown One Stop Career Center, industry-sponsored skills training facilities, adult education (including ESOL classes), college preparation and college-level classrooms, and integrated support services.

JVS CEO Jerry Rubin said, "JVS has been on a trajectory for growth over the past five years. Our move to the heart of the downtown innovation economy reflects our outlook for the future; it will allow us to expand our services to employers and to clients, connecting growing industries with qualified dedicated workers, and bridging the opportunity and skills gap that exists in Boston today. We see this new Center as a bridge to the city's rising innovation economy for thousands of Boston residents who will benefit from our services."

"This is a bold move," said JVS Chair of the Board of Directors, Ellen Segal. "Our Board is enthusiastic about the agency's new home and its future. This process has involved significant planning, fundraising and commitment. JVS serves some of the region's most vulnerable populations -- individuals facing housing insecurity, individuals with physical and developmental disabilities, and refugees. This new Center will give us the capacity to move even more adults, and their families, out of poverty."

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