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## **Quonset to provide more jobs with flex industrial campus - by Steven King**

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Quonset Business Park is Rhode Island's leading engine of job creation and economic development, with 11,800 jobs and over 200 companies, but we're not resting on our laurels. The business park is focused on continuing this momentum and maintaining Quonset as a desirable home base for Rhode Island businesses. We are eager to provide tenants with solutions that meet their needs and help them expand.

That's why we are excited to announce the development of a new flex industrial campus that will offer more businesses the opportunity to thrive here. We broke ground on the first 25,000 s/f building in the fall of 2017 and construction is nearly completed.

New to Rhode Island, the flex industrial campus will fill a void in the region's need for more modern industrial and warehouse space. Many New England businesses may have outgrown their current spaces and are not equipped to renovate or to do a complete build out. The industrial campus can bridge the gap by providing state-of-the-art facilities for businesses looking to grow.

The first flex building will accommodate three tenants with both office and flexible manufacturing or warehouse space. Once completed, the campus will include multiple buildings, each between 25,000 and 50,000 s/f. They will be equipped with office spaces, restroom facilities, and high bay space for manufacturing, assembly or warehouse use, with ceilings up to 24 feet. Each building will provide full service utilities and was designed to allow tenants to customize spaces based on their own unique needs.

Quonset has worked closely with Flex Technology Park LLC to develop the flex industrial campus and we anticipate welcoming new tenants this spring. Plans for the eventual expansion of the campus will start once the initial space is leased.

Quonset Development Corporation looks forward to welcoming new companies, and the people who will work there to the flex industrial building. We are pleased with the initial development progress and eagerly await the chance to offer space to businesses who want to join the more than 200 companies that make their home at Quonset.

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