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Survitec celebrates ribbon cutting on flex industrial building at Quonset's Flex Industrial Campus - by Steven King

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Quonset Business Park recently cut the ribbon on our newest flex industrial building, the fourth of 10 buildings planned for the innovative Flex Industrial Campus. The flex buildings provide state-of-the-art facilities for businesses looking to grow.

The newest space will host Survitec — an offshore wind support and safety company that provides

immersion suits, lifejackets, life rafts, fire safety and turbine escape devices. PrimeFish, a 100-year-old, family-owned seafood business will also call the building home.

Shown (from left) are: Steven King, Survitec sales and business development director Mads Enemark Norgreen, state rep. Robert Craven, and Ernie Almonte.

Survitec has recently reimagined its energy portfolio to include offshore wind, culminating in their investment in a flex industrial building site at Quonset Business Park and the acquisition of Norwegian personal protective equipment (PPE) specialist Hansen Protection. The combined companies products and services will offer greater value to its customers by providing one single supplier for survival technology across a number of categories. The acquisition also brings with it offshore wind PPE rental provider, HeliPPE. This investment has been strategically located for the convenience of their customers in New England and the Northeast, expanding Survitec's footprint in the U.S. offshore wind sector.

Quonset's investments and preparations at the Port of Davisville have helped position the business park as a future hub of the offshore wind industry. Survitec's arrival is another step in that process, as the company has declared Quonset their flagship "U.S. Offshore Wind Hub."

The Flex Industrial Campus, established in 2017, fills a void in the New England region by providing more industrial and warehouse space. Quonset and its development partner Flex Technology Park have created leasable units ranging from 2,000 s/f to 10,000 s/f, with some pre-construction units up to 40,000 s/f. Combined, the four flex buildings already host six companies.

These state-of-the-art buildings are equipped with high bay space for manufacturing, assembly or warehouse use, providing full-service utilities and customizable spaces adaptable to their own unique needs. Some flex buildings feature office spaces as well.

As Quonset continues to welcome new companies to Rhode Island, providing innovative and flexible solutions to meet their needs is essential. Home to 12,200 jobs at over 200 companies, including one of every six manufacturing jobs in Rhode Island, Quonset's continued focus on adapting to the demands of new businesses will ensure that Rhode Island remains a leader in the Northeast in the global marketplace.

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