

# THREE REASONS OUR NEW BUILDING IS HEALTHY FOR RHODE ISLAND.



## 1. A Healthy Economy

Our new address will keep more than a thousand people in downtown Providence every work day.

## 2. Healthy Savings

We'll save about \$25 million over the next 23 years – with no negative impact on your premiums or our reserves.

## 3. A Healthy Environment

The building is designed to reduce energy use, make the most of natural light, conserve water, and minimize the building's impact on the environment. We expect our efforts (and others too numerous to mention here) to earn at least silver-level certification from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) green building certification system.



### centrally located

We're within walking distance of 26 bus lines and the Amtrak/MBTA station. Using mass transit helps reduce CO2 emissions.

### fresh air

Air handling systems exceed code requirements for fresh air delivery, humidity control, filtration, and thermal comfort.

### mechanical systems

Highly efficient systems will allow our building to outperform comparable structures by 21%.

### curtain wall

High-performance insulated glass reduces solar gain in summer and keeps heat inside in winter. Daylight reaches 75% of regularly used spaces, and 90% of occupied spaces have exterior views.

### rainwater collection system

Harvested rainwater will be used in the building's cooling towers.

### efficient water usage

We selected plumbing fixtures that will reduce water consumption by 30%.

### electrical systems

We'll reduce our power consumption with occupancy sensors and consolidated printer and copier stations.

### bicycle and preferred parking

We encourage alternate modes of transportation by offering preferred parking under the building for bicycles and hybrid cars.

### green roofs

Vegetated roof areas reduce storm water runoff and ease the urban heat island effect.

### compost and recycling

Our composting and recycling stations greatly reduce the waste sent to landfills.

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