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Hobbs Brook plans new office campus in Waltham

Hobbs Brook Management LLC hired Columbia Construction Co. to build a new 330,000-square-foot office campus adjacent to its 1.2 million-square-foot Hobbs Brook Office Park.

Hobbs Brook acquired the building at 175 Wyman St. in Waltham, Mass., from The Blackstone Group last spring for \$38.2 million. The former telecom campus overlooks Route 128 and sits on 26 acres.

The existing building at 175 Wyman St. will be demolished and replaced with two new buildings. The new office complex will be designed with a goal of achieving the U.S. Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver rating. Hobbs Brook will recycle 90 percent of the steel, concrete and masonry from the existing building. The new complex will also utilize an existing underground water storage tank to capture stormwater runoff for irrigation purposes. Hobbs Brook will implement a green housekeeping program and construction of new roofs with a high reflection rating to reduce the heat island effect.

The campus will offer preferred parking for hybrid vehicles and car poolers, as well as making shower facilities available to encourage the use of bicycles as transportation.

Construction of the campus at 175 Wyman St. is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2008 with completion expected in the fall of 2009. Members of the project team include Margulies & Associates Inc., AHA Consulting Engineers and John G. Crowe Associates Inc.