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## **Skanska USA, Mayor Martin J. Walsh and CBT Architects Celebrate the Groundbreaking for 121 Seaport**

*Developer Unveils Design; Moves Forward with its Third Project in Boston's Seaport District*

**BOSTON** – [Skanska USA](#) Commercial Development, joined by Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh and CBT Architects, today broke ground on the city's newest office tower - [121 Seaport](#) - a 17-story, 400,000-square-foot Class-A office building with two floors of retail - in Boston's vibrant Seaport District.

Ideally located at the corner of Seaport Boulevard and East Service Road, 121 Seaport's unique design is carefully choreographed to promote innovation and collaboration, and increase employee productivity in the workplace. This new highly sustainable building, which is targeting LEED® Platinum certification, will feature a number of amenities and open spaces that will further transform the neighborhood into a 24/7 live, work, play destination.

"It is a top priority for us to design world-class office buildings like 121 Seaport that can attract talented, bright minds that have helped solidify Boston's international reputation as an intellectual, forward-thinking city," said Shawn Hurley, executive vice president for Skanska USA Commercial Development in Boston. "We recognize and have seen first-hand how companies succeed when employees thrive in their work environments. We've designed 121 Seaport to match how people work best in what is fast becoming Boston's most desired neighborhood to live and work in."

"I want to congratulate Skanska and CBT as they break ground on this unique office building on Boston's waterfront," said Mayor Walsh. "The development team has clearly put a lot of thought into making 121 Seaport a place where people get excited about going to work. Put that atmosphere together with the building's sustainable features, and you get a truly unique development in one of the fastest growing areas of our city."

At today's event, Skanska unveiled 121 Seaport's rendering (pictured below). The tower's distinctive elliptical design was created to enhance the area's artistic architectural landscape, maximize the skyline viewable from Seaport Square Green and reduce solar heat gain.

The highly sustainable building will employ a 40,000-gallon tank rainwater reuse system, reducing its water use by approximately 30 percent. The building will also include a highly-efficient chilled-beam mechanical system, which was first pioneered in Boston at Skanska's 101 Seaport. The system circulates water rather than air for building cooling, significantly reducing energy usage.

121 Seaport's floor plates will be virtually column-free, creating more flexible workspaces that offer tenants the ability to customize their space to accommodate business growth over time and meet the specific needs of employees wanting private or open collaborative spaces. Elevated 10-foot ceiling heights coupled with high-performance vision glass will provide plenty of natural daylight deep into the building's office spaces while simultaneously offering views of Boston Harbor and the Financial District. Additional amenities include outdoor terraces on the third floor rooftops as well as a private, tenant-only fitness center that provides employees the opportunity to conveniently exercise before, during or after work.

"121 Seaport's slender form, crisp and cutting-edge lines, and green values celebrate the innovative spirit of the neighborhood, while delivering a much-desired bold new form in the heart of the Seaport District," said David Nagahiro, Principal at CBT Architects in Boston. "This bold new building will energize and engage with our city from street level to the skyline and serve as a catalyst for innovative design in the Seaport and beyond."

The three-story lobby, with its ultra-clear vision glass, will face Seaport Square Green and Boston Harbor while the entrance will open to Harbor Way, an expansive 70-foot-wide pedestrian retail promenade with approximately 15,000-square feet of tree-lined open space at the building's base.

The building's location is immediately adjacent to the MBTA's Silver Line and within short walking distance to South Station. It also offers 230 bike parking spaces and 270 underground parking spaces with close proximity to I-93 and I-90.

121 Seaport joins Skanska's two additional Seaport developments - [101 Seaport](#), a 17-story, 440,000-square-foot office tower with 20,000-square-feet of ground floor retail which will be home to PwC's new headquarters come October 2015, and [Watermark Seaport](#), a 300,000-square-foot residential building with ground floor retail that is currently underway with pre-leasing scheduled to begin this fall.

The three towers connect Boston's historic Fort Point neighborhood to its contemporary Seaport District with a specific design and vision which will bring convenient amenities to the neighborhood and exciting activity for the area's residents, workers and visitors to enjoy when completed.



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