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First office tenant announced for North Shore Place

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The first office tenant announced for North Shore Place II, the new 120,000-square-foot mixed-use project between PNC Park and Heinz Field, is an affiliated firm of the project's developer, Columbus-based Continental Real Estate Cos.

Continental Office Environments announced it will be moving from its current regional office at the Waterfront in Homestead to take a new 13,000 square foot office at the new North Shore development on which construction is nearing completion.

Continental Office Environments CEO <u>Ira Sharfin</u> said in a prepared statement of the reasons for the move: "Pittsburgh remains a critical market for us and we are in a growth mode. This new office, close to the urban core and heartbeat of the city, will allow us to not only more fully integrate our employees into downtown Pittsburgh, but will provide an opportunity to showcase the innovative products and solutions we offer. The space is truly an example of practicing what we preach."

As the exclusive dealer for **Herman Miller** in the region, the company plans to build out an office that will be representative of what contemporary offices are becoming, featuring what the company described as "a dynamic, studio environment focusing on interactive and collaborative spaces, highlighted by touch screens and hands-on experiences."

To date, the only announced and confirmed tenants for North Shore Place I & II, two companion structures that largely function as one property, have been restaurants slated for the first floor. That includes <u>Toby Keith</u>'s I Love This Bar & Grill, Burgatory, North Park Lounge and Cabana Bar.

About 25 employees will work in the new offices, according to Continental Office Environments, which will move its sales, design and customer service staff out of its established Waterfront offices. The company, now in its 75th year, expects its new space to be completed this fall. The development is a project of Continental Real Estate Cos., representing the Pittsburgh Steelers

and Pittsburgh Pirates.

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