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Pickard Chilton Tapped by Boston Properties to Design 325 Main, Google’s New Cambridge HQ

New Office Tower in Cambridge’s Kendall Square Neighborhood Will Significantly Enhance Pedestrian Experience and Enliven the Public Realm

(New Haven, Conn. – June 4, 2019) – [Pickard Chilton](#), an award-winning architecture studio best known for its innovative and cutting-edge design of corporate headquarters and campuses, has been selected by developer Boston Properties (NYSE: BXP) to design a 16-story, 417,000 gsf office tower at [325 Main Street](#) in Cambridge, Mass.

Pickard Chilton’s latest project will serve as Google’s new Cambridge headquarters in the heart of Kendall Square. The technology giant has been retained as a major tenant at the property, signing a 15-year lease for 362,000 square feet as additional office space for its growing Cambridge office.



Boston Properties’ new development at 325 Main is replacing an existing four-story commercial office and retail building at the site, formerly known as 3 Cambridge Center. The new building comprises approximately 375,000 gsf of new office space and 42,000 gsf of retail at the lower levels. Construction of 325 Main is expected to begin later this year with completion expected in 2022.

“We are thrilled to continue our collaboration with Boston Properties with this exciting new project in Cambridge, and design a dynamic, next-generation work environment where future tenants, such as Google, can grow their businesses,” said Pickard Chilton Principal Anthony Markese, FAIA. “With its activated

ground and second floor retail along Main Street and Kendall Plaza, 325 Main will greatly enhance the public realm in Kendall Square. The addition of a several new pedestrian connections and a multi-level public terrace will further open the space between adjacent buildings and public areas.”

With many high-performance design elements, 325 Main is targeting LEED-NC Gold certification. The building's shape is conceived as a parallelogram, opening the space between the adjacent buildings and public areas. Articulating its massing, a series of inset "apertures" provide interest and balance, while creating outdoor terraces. Connecting 325 Main and the 355 Main Street building where Google currently has office space, a sloped "gasket" element creates a visual distinction between them while preserving the latter's architectural integrity. Upper floors along Main Street have been pulled away from 355 Main Street to distinguish the visual separation. A glass façade, comprising spandrel, frit and vision glass and metal panels, will articulate the building.

325 Main is Pickard Chilton's second project with Boston Properties in the Kendall Square neighborhood; the New Haven, Conn.-based architecture firm designed [145 Broadway](#), a 19-story, 454,000-square-foot office building for Akamai opening in late 2019.

About Pickard Chilton

Pickard Chilton is an international architectural practice noted for its expertise in the design of large, complex and often high-profile buildings including corporate headquarters, high-rise commercial office towers, hotels, and academic and health care facilities. The firm's layered perspective informs all of its work, presenting clients with a sophisticated, knowledge-based approach that emphasizes design vision, integrity, a focus on client objectives, and exceptional service. Headquartered in New Haven, Conn., the firm's recent completed projects include: the Northwestern Mutual Tower and Commons in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; River Point in Chicago, Illinois; 1144 Fifteenth in Denver, Colorado, and Eaton House in Dublin, Ireland. Current projects include the Global Gateway Shinagawa and Y2 Projects in Tokyo, Japan; the Plieninger Straße 140 Development in Stuttgart, Germany; Norfolk Southern's new headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia; Avocet Tower in Bethesda, Maryland; 2+U in Seattle, Washington; and, Canal Place for Dominion Energy in Richmond, Va. as well as commercial and residential developments in Austin, Atlanta, Boston, Cincinnati, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Miami, Phoenix, San Francisco and Washington, DC. Please visit www.pickardchilton.com for more information.

About Boston Properties

Boston Properties (NYSE: BXP) is the largest publicly-held developer and owner of Class A office properties in the United States, concentrated in five markets - Boston, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco and Washington, DC. The Company is a fully integrated real estate company, organized as a real estate investment trust (REIT), that develops, manages, operates, acquires and owns a diverse portfolio of primarily Class A office space. The Company's portfolio totals 51.4 million square feet and 196 properties, including eleven properties under construction.