

## Company's two-tower project in South Boston progresses



Photo courtesy The Fallon Co.

Work continues on the foundation for Vertex Pharmaceuticals' two-tower project on the South Boston waterfront.

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Construction crews have been busy assembling a giant foundation for the first of two 18-story towers to go up on the South Boston waterfront that will serve as the new corporate headquarters for Vertex Pharmaceuticals.

The 1.1-million-square-foot, two-tower project on Fan Pier has been scheduled to be completed by the end of 2013.

The project is a joint venture involving The Fallon Co., Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. and Cornerstone Real Estate Advisers. Turner Construction is the general contractor.

The first concrete pour on the Vertex project took place last week. The pour consisted of 2,500 cubic yards of concrete dumped into a foundation site that is 42 feet below street level. More than 12,600 cubic yards of soil – or 5,600 truck loads – had been removed from the site, according to a spokeswoman for Fallon.

Vertex signed a long-term lease earlier this year for the site after receiving Food and Drug Administration approval for its main drug, a hepatitis C treatment. The company will relocate to South Boston from a number of buildings in Cambridge.

Vertex currently has about 1,300 employees in Massachusetts and expects to add 500 new jobs in the state through 2015.