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MacDonald-Miller Facility Solutions to move to new showcase headquarters building in SeaTac

Seattle service team to move to new SODO space to be closer to downtown clients while new headquarters allows HVAC contractor to grow operations, reduce its carbon footprint and create a customer showcase for its use of smart technology and mechanical systems

SEATTLE, Wash. – <u>MacDonald-Miller Facility Solutions</u> in August will move from the West Seattle building that has housed its headquarters since 1988 to a newly remodeled building in SeaTac. The move allows the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) contractor to create a sustainable new hybrid workspace that allows it to reduce its carbon footprint and demonstrate for customers how they can improve their workspaces with state-of-the-art mechanical building solutions.

"We're expanding. We're thriving. This setting will serve us for 10 years and beyond," said Amanda Spraker, MacDonald-Miller Chief Administrative Officer, who has led the tenant improvement efforts at the new headquarters at the SeaTac Office Center, North Tower, 17930 International Blvd., SeaTac. "We are taking this opportunity to purposefully build our new headquarters as a showcase for new and existing customers, as well as our current and future employees, centrally located near the light rail and airport." MacDonald-Miller has more than 1,500 employees across Oregon and Washington with 240 on the engineering, pre-construction, sales and corporate services teams located in the new headquarters facility.

MacDonald-Miller has been in its current headquarters at 7717 Detroit Ave SW, Seattle, since 1988. The company's former president owned the building and recently sold it, allowing the company to re-envision its workplace. The company chose to build the new headquarters for a hybrid office workforce, reducing the number of square feet from 60,000 in the former headquarters to 50,000 in the new space.

"We chose to go with a hybrid workforce model for our office staff because it reduces our carbon footprint and is good for employees because it offers more flexibility. We tried it through COVID and proved to be a highly productive office team," said Chief Executive Officer Gus Simonds, who added that most employees live in the south and/or east part of the Puget Sound region. "We were quite intentional about where to move and how to design our space. It's a new chapter for MacDonald-Miller and we're excited for our future."

The move also allows the company to continue its zone-based customer service model that puts service teams in field offices closer to customers. The Seattle service, sales and technician teams will move to a new location at 4786 First Ave. S. in Seattle's SODO neighborhood. Similar teams that serve MacDonald-Miller customers in Everett, Redmond, Spokane and Kennewick, Wash., and in Portland and Eugene, Ore., are also based near those cities.

The company will continue to run its fabrication facility at 3701 S Norfolk St., off of Interstate 5's Martin Luther King Jr. S. exit in Seattle and has recently expanded operations there to include the property located directly south at $9833 \text{ } 40^{\text{th}}$ Ave S.

As an HVAC contractor, MacDonald-Miller is focused on improving the air quality inside buildings while saving energy. The company will not only occupy 45,000 square feet on the 6th and 7th floors of the building, but will also have 5,000 square feet of space on the ground floor that will be used for its MLAB — a virtual reality lab where customers can experience in advance what their building's mechanical systems will look like. The ground floor also holds MacDonald-Miller's Smart Buildings Command Center, which will allow customers to view their mechanical systems in real time. It will also include a room that can be used for customer education and community events. The duct work on the 6th and 7th floors will be exposed — some painted to melt into the ceiling and others left in its natural metallic state for a more industrial look - to show customers options if they too want exposed duct work.

The new space increases collaboration areas for employees by more than 50 percent and decreases individual offices by 50 percent for an overall 10 percent reduction in square footage. "It's a cultural shift for our business, which speaks to the hybrid model and MacDonald Miller's commitment to innovation and collaboration," Spraker said. "A lot of effort has been made to create a very employee-friendly space. When we are together, we really want to be together."

Managing the tenant improvements in their new space has allowed MacDonald-Miller to work with several existing customers and partners, including property manager Urban Renaissance Group, general contractor Foushée, and JPC architects.

"We're also very excited to be part of the city of SeaTac," Spraker said. "We've had a great experience with them through the construction process and look forward to a long future in the city."

MacDonald-Miller Facility Solutions specializes in heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems. For more than 50 years, MacDonald-Miller has shaped the local landscape with buildings that operate in the most safe and efficient manner possible. As industry leaders, the company tackles the complexities of all industries – from health care and biotech/labs to

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