South Street Landing to House RI Nursing Education Center

PROVIDENCE – Governor Lincoln D. Chafee, Senator Jack Reed, Mayor Angel Taveras, Brown University President Christina Paxson, Rhode Island College President Nancy Carriuolo and University of Rhode Island President David M. Dooley joined developer Richard Galvin, Governor-elect Gina Raimondo, Mayor-elect Jorge Elorza and other officials on December 15, 2014 for a ceremonial groundbreaking of the South Street Landing Project.

The multi-million dollar project will house the Rhode Island Nursing Education Center, Brown University offices, graduate student housing and a parking garage. More than 200 guests joined the elected leaders in celebrating the project as it moves closer to actual construction, which is expected to start in early 2015.

“The Nursing Education Center will allow public and private institutions of higher learning to partner and forge a path to advance Rhode Island as a regional leader in nursing education,” Gov. Chafee said.

The Center used by RIC’s and URI’s nursing programs is expected to advance Rhode Island’s role as a regional leader in healthcare and nursing education. “This day is a testament to the dedication and commitment of RIC, Brown University and URI, state and city leaders, Dick Galvin and his team, and other members of the Rhode Island community,” said URI President Dooley.

Rhode Island College President Dr. Nancy Carriuolo said, “South Street Landing, and in particular the Rhode Island Nursing Education Center, will help our state grow the educated workforce it needs to meet the changing needs of its number-one industry sector: healthcare.”

“South Street Station represents a true public-private partnership, bringing together three universities, the state, the city of Providence, a private developer, and National Grid to transform an old power station into a critical asset for Providence’s growing meds and eds economy. Together with the Brown University’s medical school, Johnson & Wales University’s physician assistant school, and our surrounding hospitals this new joint nursing school will help to further solidify Providence as a center for health, education and research,” said outgoing Providence Mayor Angel Taveras.