

General Dynamics moving IT business unit to Dedham complex

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General Dynamics Mission Systems, the newly renamed business unit of the aerospace and defense contractor, has leased 131,000 square feet at 100 Rustcraft Road in Dedham and plans to move there from Needham by the fourth quarter.

General Dynamics Mission System is [one of the information systems and technology business units](#) of Falls Church, Virginia-based General Dynamics' (NYSE: GD). It was [formerly known as](#) General Dynamics C4 Systems.

That business unit has for years operated in the Needham Industrial Park, said [Jonathan Davis](#), founder and CEO of Boston-based The [Davis Cos.](#), which owns a fund that manages 100 Rustcraft Road. General Dynamics' 28-acre property in Needham [was recently purchased](#) by an affiliate of [Normandy Real Estate Partners](#) for \$54.5 million.

The property at 100 Rustcraft Road is a 493,000-square-foot complex including Class A office space, warehouse and laboratory facilities as well as single-story research and development space. Tenants include The [American Red Cross](#), [Bank of America](#) and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

The complex stood 41 percent vacant when The Davis Cos. purchased it two years ago for \$21 million. The company has overseen a substantial renovation, with [Erland Construction](#) serving as base building contractor and Spagnolo Gisness & Associates providing architectural services.

The General Dynamics Mission System lease takes the property to 91 percent occupied, with a 20,000-square-foot office suite and a 20,000-square-foot industrial space remaining available for lease, Davis said.

The Davis Cos. was represented by [Michael Frisoli](#) and Peter Whoriskey of Cushman & Wakefield, and General Dynamics Mission Systems was represented by [Ann Barrett](#), [Steve Masterman](#) and [David Wright](#) of CBRE.

Barrett declined to comment on the transaction or how many employees General Dynamics Mission System would relocate to Dedham.



Courtesy of The Davis Cos.
A rendering of 100 Rustcraft Road in Dedham, a 493,000-square-foot complex which includes Class A office space, warehouse and laboratory facilities and single-story research and development space.