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## MilliporeSigma's planned \$115M Burlington office highlights company's global plans

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The new \$115 million building MilliporeSigma is planning for Burlington will offer the company's 850 Massachusetts employees a newer, larger home seven miles up the road from its current location in Billerica. But more importantly, the new campus will allow the company to reconfigure its simulated manufacturing center.



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Rebranded this week as the M Lab

Collaboration Center, the simulated manufacturing hub is one of nine internationally. The lab will take up 15,000-square-foot of the new 280,000-square-foot facility. MilliporeSigma, the U.S. life science business of Germany-based **Merck KGaA**, hopes to bring more international clients into the simulated manufacturing space in the new building to better develop biotechnology and pharmaceutical products.

"Constructing a building from the ground up affords us the opportunity go beyond bricks and mortar and create an environment where our "problem-solving" culture can flourish," said Udit Batra, CEO of MilliporeSigma, in an email. "The campus will also include a customer service and call center and our new M Lab Collaboration Center, a state-of-the-art, lab environment where our customers can work side-by-

side with our scientists and engineers to solve their toughest biomanufacturing challenges.”

The company has already relaunched the simulated manufacturing space in Japan, and has plans to remodel the centers in Brazil, China, France, India, Singapore and South Korea.

The new Burlington site at 400 Wheeler Road also has the capacity for growth.

Batra said in an email that while there are no immediate plans to hire additional employees, the site can be expanded to add another 70,000-square-feet.

Despite growth capacity, there are no plans to move any employees from other MilliporeSigma sites in the U.S., or consolidate any employees from the newly-acquired Sigma-Aldrich, which is based in St. Louis, Missouri.

The new site is expected to be completed by the second half of 2017.

The building was developed and is owned by development firm The Gutierrez Co., according to state land records. MilliporeSigma has signed a 15-year lease on the building with an option to extend that by 10 additional years, according to those records.

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