



Northeastern University

Abbreviated Institutional Master Plan

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Attachment A

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Purpose

Northeastern University (“Northeastern”) is submitting this Abbreviated Institutional Master Plan (“AIMP”) pursuant to Section 304.5 of the San Francisco Planning Code (the “Code”). An AIMP is appropriate under Section 304.5(d) of the Code because Northeastern occupies a site area of less than 50,000 square feet in the City and does not anticipate any future expansion to more than 50,000 square feet of site area, or more than 100,000 square feet of site area in the C-3 District.

Services Provided and Service Population

Northeastern is creating a series of industry-aligned hubs within the Bay Area and plans to offer short courses and programs to working professionals based on market demands and key workforce needs. Northeastern anticipates that its programs for working professionals in San Francisco will be focused on data/analytics, networks and security, cloud computing/mobile app development, computer science and entrepreneurship and design thinking. Programs will generally run on the semester schedule and are a mix of short all-day classes and evening classes that meet a few times a week. Northeastern anticipates that between twenty and twenty-five working professionals will participate in this program in San Francisco this fall.

Northeastern is also creating a Semester in Entrepreneurship & Design Thinking program to offer undergraduate students an opportunity to learn from and immerse themselves in San Francisco’s entrepreneurship culture. Successful entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, and startup executives based in San Francisco and the vicinity will teach this highly experiential program, which is designed to supplement the entrepreneurial education currently available to Northeastern students in Boston through the D’Amore-McKim School of Business. Students will take classes and attend a variety of local industry-relevant events, engage with accelerators, startup companies, and venture capitalists, and integrate

themselves in the entrepreneurial ecosystem. Northeastern anticipates that between twenty and twenty-five undergraduate students will participate in the Semester in Entrepreneurship & Design Thinking program this fall.

Background

Founded in 1898, Northeastern is a global, experiential, research university built on a tradition of engagement with the world, creating a distinctive approach to education and research. Northeastern offers a comprehensive range of undergraduate and graduate programs leading to degrees through the doctorate level in nine colleges and schools. Northeastern's main campus is in Boston and it has created regional campuses in Charlotte, Seattle, Toronto and San Jose. These campuses extend the impact of Northeastern's research and offerings to both professional learners and to new local economies and communities. These campuses offer quality, top-tier professional programs — bachelor's, master's, doctoral, certificates, boot camps — across multiple learning channels, including online, on-ground, and hybrid programs.

A fundamental component of the Northeastern learning model is to create partnerships with existing companies and institutions to serve as incubators for top-tier talent, producing students and working professionals with degrees and certificates with real-world, marketplace relevance for the Bay Area and beyond in science, technology, engineering, and math. Northeastern pioneered the experiential learning model over a century ago and ever since has been the educational leader in global experiential learning. Experiential learning integrates the classroom with the real world through a unique combination of classroom and professional work, research, and service. The essence of the Northeastern philosophy is to transform ideas into impact. Northeastern's experiential approach has been highly successful and Northeastern is generally recognized as being among the best universities in the country.

Northeastern is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. ("NEASC"), the regional body that provides accreditation in New England. NEASC is the regional equivalent of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, which provides similar accreditation for schools on the West Coast.

Physical Plant

1. Lookout Space

Northeastern plans to license approximately 2,000 square feet of space from Lookout Inc. on the 27th Floor of One Front Street in the Financial District, as shown on Figure 1. Northeastern would also have access to Lookout's lobby for events, as well as a small conference room for breakout sessions. Northeastern plans to hold graduate programs for working professionals at the Lookout space starting this fall.

The One Front Street building is located in the C-3-O Zoning District, which allows Post-Secondary Educational Institutions as a permitted use.

Northeastern does not plan to license parking as part of the Lookout license. The One Front Street building, however, includes a parking garage, as do many of the buildings in the surrounding Financial District. The building is also well-served by public transit, particularly since it is located within two blocks of the Embarcadero Muni/BART station.

2. University of California Hastings Space

Northeastern plans to license approximately 900 square feet of space from the University of California Hastings College of Law located in Room M120 at 198 McAllister Street, as shown on Figure 2. Northeastern plans to hold the Semester in Entrepreneurship & Design Thinking program at the UC Hastings space and will have access to the space starting this fall.

The 198 McAllister Street property is located in the P Zoning District, and the space is currently used as Post-Secondary Educational Institution space.

Northeastern does not plan to license parking as part of the UC Hastings license. Many buildings in the area, however, include parking garages, and the Civic Center Garage is located one block away. The UC Hastings space is also well-served by public transit, particularly since it is located within two blocks of the Civic Center Muni/BART station.

3. Other

Northeastern currently subleases two four-bedroom apartment units within the SoMa Square Apartments located at One Saint Francis Place, as shown on Figure 3. Northeastern

licenses beds in these apartments to participants in Northeastern's cooperative education program who are employed in San Francisco. The cooperative education program is an experiential learning program that allows participants to develop knowledge and skills through hands-on experience. Participants in the program are employed full-time (typically for six months), do not receive course credit, and are not enrolled in coursework while working for their employers. Other than the aforementioned apartments, Northeastern does not own or lease any property in San Francisco. Undergraduate students coming to San Francisco for the Semester in Entrepreneurship & Design Thinking program will be responsible for finding their own housing. Northeastern will refer students to housing resources as needed.

Employment

Northeastern's graduate programs in the Bay Area are currently supported by five faculty and staff members, with additional support from Northeastern's main campus in Boston. The Semester in Entrepreneurship & Design Thinking program will be supported by a program director and three or four local adjunct faculty members. In the next few years, Northeastern anticipates having up to ten faculty and staff located in the Bay Area.

Affirmative Action Policy

Northeastern is committed to providing equal opportunity to its students and employees, and to eliminating discrimination when it occurs. In furtherance of this commitment Northeastern strictly prohibits discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, religious creed, genetics, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, national origin, ancestry, veteran or disability status. All forms of discrimination or harassment within the Northeastern community are unacceptable and will be sanctioned appropriately. Further, university policy and applicable law prohibit retaliation against those who, in good faith, bring or cooperate in complaints of discrimination or harassment. Northeastern's nondiscrimination policies and related grievance procedures are available online at <http://www.northeastern.edu/oidi/compliance/>.

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Figure 1 – One Front Street Location

Figure 2 – University of California Hastings Location

Figure 3 – One Saint Francis Place Location

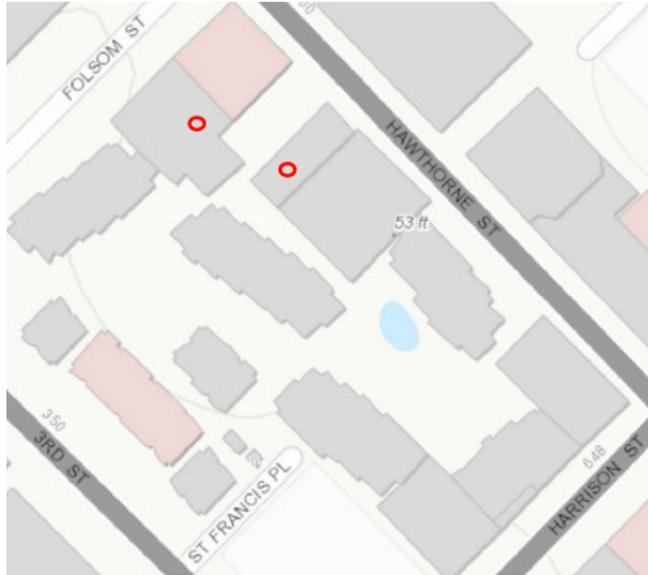
Figure 1
One Front Street Location



Figure 2
University of California Hastings Location



Figure 3
One Saint Francis Place Location



○ = Unit Location