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## **Granite Telecommunications LLC celebrates new building**

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QUINCY — Granite Telecommunications LLC's plans to double its workforce to some 2,000 in the next five years drew support and praise from U.S. Sen. Edward Markey and others gathered to open the company's new building Monday.

"You have become the example of what can happen if you have drive and you have a vision," Markey said at the ribbon cutting for the facility at 150 Newport Avenue Extension in North Quincy.

Led by founder, president, and CEO Rob Hale, the company has grown from 17 employees in 2002 to more than 1,100 this year. It provides telecommunications, data, networking, and alarm services to clients including Walmart, Walgreens, and J.C. Penney.

The expansion of Granite's campus two a second building on Newport Avenue Extension facilitates further growth of its business and creates room to expand its workforce, the company says.

The new building at 150 Newport Ave. Ext., adds 125,000 square feet to the existing headquarters next door, creating a corporate campus of 300,000 square feet.

"The beauty of what Rob and all of you have done is that it's home grown," Markey said. "The future is here in Quincy, and that future looks brighter than ever."

Quincy Mayor Thomas P. Koch and other elected officials joined Markey at the event.

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