

More Progress on Temporary Modular Office Space in Bennington

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Vermont Department of Buildings & General Services (BGS) staff have been working on the permitting process with the Agency of Natural Resources, the Department of Labor and Industry, and the Town of Bennington.

BGS, Natural Resources, and Labor and Industry staff were in Bennington yesterday, to look at site plans for both a 9000 sq. ft. modular building and the 41,000 sq.ft modular building. Central Vermont Public Service also had staff on site to determine how best to arrange for power installation.

During the rest of this week and possibly into next week, more modulares should be arriving and there will be surveyors on site continuing the site preparation work. Staking and marking for the modulares will be taking place. The Department of Labor and Industry gave the okay to start "moving dirt" as the initial work to set up the modulares gets underway. During the next several weeks, contractors will be clearing, digging footings and pouring concrete for the foundations that the modulares to sit on.

BGS has selected the vendor for the large modular workspace (41,000 sq.ft.) that will be placed on the north side of the building. Members of this vendor's team were here Monday checking out the site. They are working on the design and engineering for the large modular set up. Modular units for the large workspace will be delivered to a staging area off-site during the next several weeks. When the site clearing has been completed and all of the foundations are poured, the modulares will begin to be delivered and will be moved into place by crane.

BGS has been in regular contact with the Department of Information and Innovation to figure out how best to do the data and phone fit-out. They are considering some state-of-the-art installations that have worked well in other settings around the state. BGS also is in contact with the phone providers to help facilitate the cut-over when we move into the temporary space.

There is no decision yet as to what items we can and cannot take with us when we move. BGS environmental health and safety staff and Health Department investigators are working on this issue but have made no final decision. As soon as this information becomes available, it will be shared with staff.