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**Equity wants 15-story office tower on downtown site**

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Equity Office Properties Trust, which in March obtained a nearly one-acre surface parking lot at First Avenue and Main Street in downtown Portland, last week unveiled plans for a 15-story, 350,000-square-foot Class A office building on the site.

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The project would be developed by Portland's Gerding/Edlen Development Co. and designed by the city's GBD Architects.

Those two firms have worked together on several green buildings on Portland's Brewery Blocks and in its emerging South Waterfront district; a rendering of the planned Equity Office building suggests a project sharing some features with past Gerding/Edlen and GBD joint efforts, with the building planned to include a metal and glass exterior skin and balconies on the fourth and 14th floors.

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Hoffman Construction is expected to build the project.

Average floor plates for the building would be 22,000 square feet; 20,000 square feet of ground floor retail space is included in the plans.

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Proposed amenities include a bank, bicycle hub, conference facility, sundry and coffee shop. About 300 parking spaces are planned for the proposed building.

