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## **Local Business to Invest in Downtown Salem**

### ***Pacific Office Automation to renovate building and relocate staff.***

**Salem, Ore.** – Pacific Office Automation, an Oregon-headquartered company and the largest office equipment dealer in the U.S., plans to invest in Downtown Salem. The company has purchased a prominent downtown building that has been vacant for more than eight years, and will begin significant interior and exterior renovations at 260 Liberty Street NE in early 2017. Renovations will include new storefront façade, elevator, ADA/seismic upgrades, electrical upgrades, and a sprinkler system.

“Pacific Office is excited about being a part of the revitalization and renewal of Downtown Salem. As a local company, with local roots, it is an honor to contribute to the growth of Downtown,” said Doug Pitassi, President, Pacific Office Automation.

The interior of the building will be gutted and reconfigured for Pacific Office Automation, who will occupy a portion of the building including ground floor show room space, and to attract other businesses to lease the building.

Total renovation costs are estimated to be \$1.3M and the Urban Development Department has received a Capital Improvement Program request to help partially fund the renovations. The company also received assistance through Urban Development’s Site Reuse and Revitalization Program for the building’s Phase 1 Environmental Assessment. The property owner’s priority is the renovations of the building for Pacific Office Automation and the timeline and plans for the demolition and redevelopment of the adjacent property located at 280 Liberty Street NE will be forthcoming.

Pacific Office Automation started in 1976 in Portland, Oregon, selling copy machines. Forty years later, they are a recognized leader in office management solutions, offering state-of-the-art technology and award-winning customer service that has helped them grow to 25 offices throughout Oregon, Washington, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado.

For specific questions regarding investment in downtown, please contact Sheri Wahrgren at [swahrgren@cityofsalem.net](mailto:swahrgren@cityofsalem.net) or 503-540-2495. Si necesita ayuda para comprender esta información, por favor llame 503-588-6178.

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