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**Bigger and Better:
NEDCC Expands**

The Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) announces it will move its headquarters to space in the American Woolen Mill, in Andover, Massachusetts, in the spring of 1990. The new facility will double the Center's space, improve its climate controls, and provide a highly professional image.

NEDCC is rapidly gaining recognition as a national cultural resource and has experienced a dramatic increase in demand for its services. Growing demand has made NEDCC the largest regional conservation center in the country, whether measured in terms of volume of work, staff size, number of clients served or budget size.

According to Ann Russell, Executive Director of NEDCC, "Anyone who has visited NEDCC lately can see that we are bursting at the seams, with offices in hallways and staff members doubling up at desks. Presented with the chance to move to a larger facility, we seek to seize this opportunity to expand and upgrade all of our laboratory services. The goal is to provide better service to our clientele."



The American Woolen Mill was built in 1921, in the Shawsheen Village Historic District, as part of the first planned industrial community in the United States. The mill has been rehabilitated by Brickstone Properties as a stylish, art deco complex with more than 1,000,000 square feet of high-tech office space. NEDCC will lease 20,000 square feet of space on the fourth floor.

The original use of the building as a textile mill is highly compatible with NEDCC's current use as a conservation laboratory. NEDCC shares with the original proprietors of the mill the need for large open work spaces, oversized freight elevators, high ceilings, natural

daylight, and the capacity for unencumbered movement of large objects.

NEDCC's architect, Lawrence Bauer, of the firm of Crissman and Solomon, is developing plans to modify the space as a state-of-the-art conservation facility that will meet the Center's need for sophisticated climate controls, modern security systems, ventilation systems, and an efficient layout. With this in mind, NEDCC is launching a capital fund drive to raise the money it needs to renovate the space in its new headquarters, to purchase equipment, and to generate endowment funds to support the operating costs of an expanded facility.