### RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

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OFFICE 1Q|2015

### Office Market Overview

In January, Forbes named Raleigh the fourth fastest growing city in the nation behind Houston, Austin, and Dallas in their 2015 rankings. Wake County's population grew 10.8 percent between April 1, 2010 and July 1, 2014 - more than triple the nation's growth at 3.3 percent. Unemployment rates continue to drop in the Durham-Chapel Hill MSA and preliminary numbers in March were at 4.6 percent- down 60 basis points from March 2014.

Overall net absorption in the Triangle was approximately 224,000 square feet during first quarter. Total vacancy increased slightly to 12.9 percent - up 20 basis points from fourth quarter 2014 but down 1.7 percentage points over first quarter last year. Most of the space demand was in the suburban submarkets with over 192,000 square feet of positive net absorption. Together, the Downtown Raleigh and Downtown Durham submarkets experienced a modest 32,000 square feet of move-ins during first quarter. Vacancy dropped 40 basis points to 5.0 percent in the urban submarkets.

The submarkets that experienced the most space demand during first quarter were Route 1, Glenwood/Creedmoor, and 6 Forks Falls of Neuse. In Route 1, the largest move-in was the State Treasurer's office that signed a ten year lease for over 97,000 square feet in two office buildings at 3200 Atlantic Avenue and 3128 Highwoods Boulevard in the Highwoods Office Park. The Department of State Treasurer moved from the Albemarle Building in Downtown Raleigh in order to consolidate and relocate all 400 employees onto one campus. Ellis & Winters LLP and Hedrick Gardner moved into the newly constructed Glenlake Five in the Glenwood/Creedmoor submarket. Both companies moved into approximately 20,000 square feet on the third and fourth floors. The 167,000 square foot building was completed in November 2014 and is now over 55.0 percent leased. In 6 Forks Falls of Neuse, PointSource LLC moved and expanded into the entire second floor totaling approximately 27,000 square feet at Northchase at Midtown II, located at 6601 Six Forks Road in January. Also, Clean Design moved into 9,000 square feet on the fourth floor.

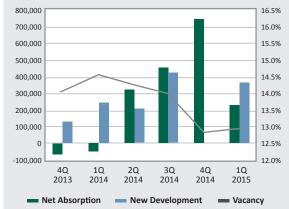
Nearly 400,000 square feet was leased in the Triangle during first quarter 2015. Leases in the Cary and RTP/RDU submarkets accounted for almost half of the activity. The largest lease signed in the Triangle during first quarter was at the new Biologics Building in Cary that will be delivering in June of this year. In January of last year, Biologics Inc. signed a long term lease contract with Highwoods Properties to build a new \$15.0 million building for the company headquarters. Biologics will occupy the entire three story, 75,000 square foot building when completed. In the RTP/RDU submarket, Quintiles re-leased almost 32,000 square feet in Berrington Center located at 5927 S Miami Boulevard that the company had temporarily vacated in 2014. In addition, North Carolina's State Property Office announced that it was looking for between 400,000 and 500,000 square feet of temporary office space in the Triangle as the Albemarle Building in Downtown Raleigh will undergo renovations. The State Property office would like to begin the shift by January 2016.

The Raleigh-Durham area is becoming one of the top markets for investments in office properties according to National Real Estate Investor (NREI). During first quarter 2015, Raleigh-Durham recorded \$303.9 million (\$205 per square foot) in sales volume - up 51.0 percent from the previous quarter. One of the most successful deals in the area during first quarter was the sale of the Lenovo Enterprise Campus that sold in February 2015 for \$127 million (\$262 per square foot). Rubenstein Partners and Grubb Properties had paid \$26 million for the two office building in December 2013. The sale included a 40,000 square foot building under construction that will be used by Lenovo as a research and development facility and land that could accommodate another 100,000 square foot building.

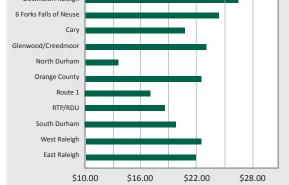
Most of the new development in the Triangle has been in the outlying suburban submarkets. There are no buildings set to deliver in the urban submarkets this year. However, there is much anticipation for the 26 story City Center building to be completed at the corner of

**MARKET STATISTICS** 1Q 2015 4Q 2014 FORECAST Market Supply (SF) 51,149,157 50,768,657 Under Construction (SF) 1,177,951 1,558,451 Direct Vacancy (%) 12.5% 12 2% Total Vacancy (%) 12.9% 12.7% 224,383 747,681 Total Net Absorption (SF) YTD Net Absorption (SF) 224,383 1,476,740 **Direct Asking Rent** \$20.76 \$20.71 Class A Direct Asking Rent \$23.58 \$23.43 Class B Direct Asking Rent \$17.59 \$18.46

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# SUBMARKET DIRECT ASKING RATES - 1Q 2015 Downtown Durham Downtown Raleigh



Corcoran and Main Streets in Downtown Durham. The building will include 25,000 square feet of new retail spaces on street level, with the four levels above the ground floor containing 110,000 square feet of office space. The remaining 21 floors will consist of 130 residential units. The project is scheduled for completion by the end of 2016.

Source: CoStar data pulled 4.14.15; Real Capital Analytics; Triangle Business Journal; Lincoln Harris Research



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OFFICE MARKET STATISTIC	CS							
	Inventory	Vacant Space	Vacancy Rate	1Q 2015 Absorption	YTD 2015 Absorption	Completions	Construction	Direct Asking Rates
DOWNTOWN DURHAM	3,466,126	81,463	2.4%	33,543	33,543	0	0	\$21.79
DOWNTOWN RALEIGH	4,091,681	293,927	7.2%	-1,317	-1,317	0	242,969	\$26.56
URBAN TOTALS	7,557,807	375,390	5.0%	32,226	32,226	0	242,969	\$25.76
6 FORKS FALLS OF NEUSE	5,565,602	568,777	10.2%	40,371	40,371	0	366,858	\$24.19
CARY	6,086,750	749,351	12.3%	-31,057	-31,057	213,500	288,500	\$20.90
GLENWOOD/CREEDMOOR	2,301,101	308,433	13.4%	45,066	45,066	167,000	0	\$23.43
NORTH DURHAM	830,494	420,236	50.6%	0	0	0	0	\$13.37
ORANGE COUNTY	1,629,870	177,175	10.9%	9,007	9,007	0	0	\$22.18
ROUTE 1	2,163,121	246,949	11.4%	56,102	56,102	0	0	\$17.18
RTP/RDU	13,140,702	2,855,740	21.7%	13,619	13,619	0	0	\$18.67
SOUTH DURHAM	3,666,665	277,109	7.6%	24,590	24,590	0	30,148	\$20.10
WEST RALEIGH	7,215,114	595,146	8.2%	34,459	34,459	0	249,476	\$22.56
EAST RALEIGH	991,931	17,804	1.8%	0	0	0	0	\$21.94
SUBURBAN TOTALS	43,591,350	6,216,720	14.3%	192,157	192,157	380,500	934,982	\$20.31
RALEIGH TOTALS	51,149,157	6,592,110	12.9%	224,383	224,383	380,500	1,177,951	\$20.76

OFFICE STATISTICS BY TYPE							
Building Class	Buildings	Inventory	Vacant Space	Vacancy Rate	YTD 2015 Absorption	Direct Asking Rent (PSF)	
Class A	281	29,977,302	2,889,998	9.6%	131,979	\$23.58	
Class B	376	21,171,855	3,702,112	17.5%	92,404	\$17.59	
MARKET TOTALS	657	51,149,157	6,592,110	12.9%	224,383	\$20.76	

RECENT INVESTMENT SALES						
Building	Submarket	RBA	Sale Price	Price/SF		
Lenovo Enterprise Campus (2 bldgs)	RTP/RDU	485,000	\$127,000,000	\$262.00		
Colonnade II	6 Forks Falls of Neuse	127,000	\$27,500,000	\$216.00		
Regency Creek I	Cary	122,087	\$20,500,000	\$168.00		
Concourse	RTP/RDU	132,175	\$16,500,000	\$125.00		
Meridian Corporate Center	South Durham	73,446	\$7,800,000	\$106.00		

SIGNED LEASE TRANSACTIONS								
Tenant	Building	Submarket	Size	Туре				
Biologics, Inc.	Biologics Building	Cary	75,000	New				
Quintiles	Berrington Center	RTP/RDU	31,643	New				
NCSU	Alliance One	West Raleigh	25,906	New				
<b>G&amp;S Business Communications</b>	North Hills Tower II	6 Forks Falls of Neuse	25,517	New				
Massachusetts Mutual Life Ins.	WestChase II	West Raleigh	16,436	New				
BusinessSuites	North Hills Tower II	6 Forks Falls of Neuse	15,375	New				

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