



## Firm leases space from Columbia

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Aha!, a Vancouver marketing-communications business, will consolidate its operations into space on the fifth floor of the new Columbia office building.

Aha! has been in negotiations for the space since the summer and signed a lease this week for 13,691 square feet in the \$30 million, six-story structure. The company expects to occupy the space sometime in the first quarter of next year.

About 35 people will move to the new space from two downtown locations.

The Columbia building has been under construction since mid-2006 at 415 W. Sixth St. south of Esther Short Park and west of the Hilton Vancouver Washington. Columbia news, advertising, circulation and business operations will occupy the first four floors of the building.

Tamara Fuller with Norris, Beggs & Simpson commercial real estate brokerage firm negotiated the Aha! lease agreement.

Moss Adams accounting firm also is an announced tenant for space in The Columbia building, but has not yet signed a lease.

Doug Ness, Columbia CFO, said he was pleased that Aha! was to be the first - and likely largest - tenant in the new building.

"They will be a great addition to our building culture," Ness said.

The Columbia is also negotiating to lease ground-level retail space, but Ness said there was nothing to announce yet.

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