

## **Louis Boston moving to Fan Pier**

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Clothing retailer **Louis Boston** has signed a lease for a 22,000-square-foot retail space at Fan Pier.

Louis Boston will make the move next spring, at which point it will vacate its current retail space on Berkeley Street in Boston's Bay Bay. The news was announced at a gathering of business and political leaders at the South Boston waterfront development Thursday.

Fan Pier, which is being developed by Joseph Fallon, is a \$3 million development on the South Boston waterfront. Last month the **Boston Business Journal** reported that Fallon asked the Department of Environmental Protection for permission to build two temporary buildings that would house retail, restaurants, public restrooms and a water-transportation ticketing office. The temporary buildings, if approved, will be between 22,000 square feet and 45,000 square feet. The facilities will be built in the place of two permanent buildings slated for parcels overlooking a marina. The parcels are approved for residential, hotel or office uses.

Louis Boston will initially be housed in one of the temporary buildings before transitioning to a permanent retail space at the development.

The temporary buildings, which would be built on the last parcels slated for development, could remain on Fan Pier for 10 years or more, according to a request made to the DEP. Fallon is asking for an extension on a license that allows for interim uses. The license currently expires in 2014.

Fan Pier has recently gained some traction as other developers have struggled to line up tenants and financing. Fallon recently nabbed the law firm **Fish & Richardson PC** to lease space in the first 500,000-square-foot office building, which is under construction now.

The entire 21-acre site is approved for eight buildings including office, research, residential, retail and hotel space.