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**Mayor Menino Celebrates Opening of Dana-Farber's New Experimental
Cancer Imaging Center in Boston's Marine Industrial Park**

Mayor Thomas M. Menino today joined Dana-Farber Cancer Institute officials to celebrate the opening of its new 14,000 square-foot Lurie Family Imaging Center, one of the most advanced experimental cancer imaging facilities in the world, at its Harbor Campus located in the Boston Marine Industrial Park. The Center will use scientific knowledge about the molecular and genetic basis of cancer generated at Dana-Farber and other research institutions to develop powerful, new imaging techniques that will improve the lives of cancer patients. The Center is designed to be a technological powerhouse for cancer discovery in the City of Boston and is destined to have a major impact on cancer patients here and around the world.

"I want to thank Dana-Farber for its commitment to the spirit of discovery. While we've all had different experiences with cancer, there's one thing we can all agree on: fighting cancer is a team effort," Mayor Menino said. "I also want to thank Dana-Farber for working with the team at the Boston Redevelopment Authority to realize the benefits of locating in the Marine Industrial Park."

"As research continues to reveal the genetic complexity of cancer, it becomes ever clearer that therapy needs to be tailored to the specific set of mutations within each patient's tumor," said Dana-Farber President Edward J. Benz, Jr., MD. "Work at the Lurie Family Imaging Center looks forward to the day when imaging technology becomes a standard tool for diagnosing tumors at the molecular level and guiding individualized treatment."

Working with the BRA, Dana-Farber first leased more than 49,000 square feet of space on the first and fourth floors of the Drydock Center at 27 Drydock Avenue back in 2006. The Mayor praised Dana-Farber for having the vision to establish the Harbor Campus, which boosts the development of a biotechnology corridor in the BMIP and reduces traffic pressures in the Longwood Medical & Academic Area. In addition to the Lurie Family Imaging Center, the Harbor Campus also includes administrative space and record-keeping, Dana-Farber's receiving department and specimen freezers. Currently, the Harbor Campus is home to 346 employees. It is expected that the new imaging center will employ an additional 12 people.

“The Marine Industrial Park is a top choice for companies looking to relocate because of its central location, excellent public transit, and proximity to downtown Boston and Logan Airport,” said John F. Palmieri, Director of the BRA. “In addition to location, our financial services department is able to provide low-interest loans to help defray build-out costs. The MIP also falls inside the city’s Empowerment Zone (EZ), which allows employers who hire residents of the EZ to qualify for tax credits.”

The seven-story Drydock Center was built by the federal government in the 1930s and used to process military draftees. Now owned by the BRA, more than 3,500 jobs are based within the 191-acre park, the largest industrial park in Massachusetts.

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