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mindSHIFT expands 'flagship' data center on Long Island

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Cloud and IT services provider adds room for its managed hosting business

Managed services supplier mindSHIFT Technologies will enlarge its current data center at Commack, in central Long Island, [New York](http://www.datacenterdynamics.com/research/industry-briefings/metropolitan-hub-series-new-york/93505.article) (URL=<http://www.datacenterdynamics.com/research/industry-briefings/metropolitan-hub-series-new-york/93505.article>), with a multi-year lease agreement to add data center and office space.

mindSHIFT specializes in IT outsourcing and cloud services for small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs) and is owned by Japan-based Ricoh, the document services giant. Investment in the data center expansion is the latest move in Ricoh's strategy to grow its IT services portfolio, according to a press statement detailing the announcement.

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The enlarged Long Island facility will have 20,000 sq ft (about 2000 sq m) of additional raised floor space, 6MW of electrical capacity, 2N uninterrupted power systems (UPS), N+1 emergency generator support, connections to multiple network providers, and clean agent fire suppression systems. Still in the development stage, mindSHIFT did not provide information about specific cooling technologies to be deployed in the data center.



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Power Management Concepts of Bethpage, New York, has been contracted for design and construction of the expansion, which will be completed in two phases. The new data center is expected to be fully operational by late spring 2016, according to Robert Lamendola, general manager of mindSHIFT. Details about phase two of construction will be released at a later date, he added, along with a timeline for anticipated completion.

“The new facility in Commack will be mindSHIFT’s flagship data center,” he told *DatacenterDynamics*. The expansion will provide additional space for the company’s cloud managed hosting business, Lamendola revealed, and house the company’s new network operations center – a 24/7 facility that will provide its customers with monitoring, reporting, and network intrusion detection services. The cloud hosting facility will be available as both a primary site for hosting critical applications, or as a disaster recovery site.

“In an effort to ensure that customers’ data is always backed up, secure, and safe,” he continued, “the new facility will enable them to take full advantage of mindSHIFT’s cloud services, including leveraging this facility as their primary, secondary and data backup sites.”

Ricoh purchased mindSHIFT in an early 2014 deal with electronics retailer BestBuy. Previously, in 2011, BestBuy [bought](http://www.datacenterdynamics.com/app-cloud/best-buy-to-buy-managed-services-provider-mindshift/53462.article) (URL=<http://www.datacenterdynamics.com/app-cloud/best-buy-to-buy-managed-services-provider-mindshift/53462.article>) the managed services provider for \$167m in an effort to expand its services division to SMBs.