



### **Veeder Place to become Center for Advanced Manufacturing & Training**

Hartford.Health.Works (HHW) has an agreement to purchase Veeder Place, subject to certain customary closing conditions, and plans to turn it into a center for advanced manufacturing and training. The Center will be operated cooperatively with Capital Community College (CCC) and Asnuntuck Community College (ACC). HHW expects to complete fundraising for the purchase this fall; begin renovations in early 2017; and open the CCC-ACC training center in early 2018. The center will have the capacity to train 200-300 graduates per year through custom training, 1-year Certificate, and 2-year Associate Degree programs. Additional K-12 school programs and healthcare and med-tech focused adult entrepreneurial programs will also be offered. HHW is the new non-profit entity that won Hartford's Strong Cities—Strong Communities (SC2) contest for economic development plans. Since winning the SC2 contest, HHW has been funded entirely by private donations.

HHW's plans are to use unoccupied space on Floor 1 for the ACC-CCC training facility and a cafeteria and plans to offer unoccupied space on Floor 3 to manufacturing companies that HHW is recruiting through its partners that include BEACON (medical device trade association), Connecticut Economic Resource Center (CERC), and Connecticut Department of Economic & Community Development (DECD). HHW's Board of Directors—which currently includes representatives from The Hartford, Trinity College, University of Hartford, BEACON, Medtronic (3<sup>rd</sup> largest medical device company in the world), and two entrepreneurs—will be expanded over the course of the next year to include more community and industry representatives.