## CoCo plans big expansion for Minneapolis space

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Co-working space operator CoCo is expanding its downtown Minneapolis location by 15,000 square feet.

The move will give CoCo space to accommodate 250 additional workers, the company said Thursday. It's expanding into space adjacent to its existing 24,200 square foot location on the fourth floor of the Grain Exchange building.

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A rendering of 'campsites' that will open in CoCo's expanded downtown Minneapolis location

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The project also will include renovations of its existing space, including creating an event space available for rent.

"Over the past few years, we've learned a lot about what entrepreneurs and small businesses want and need in a work environment and this new build out and updates to our spaces will reflect that," CoCo CEO Kyle Coolbroth said in a statement.

CoCo opened its first Twin Cities location in St. Paul's Lowertown neighborhood in 2010 and added the Minneapolis site a year later. It also has sites in the Northeast and Uptown neighborhoods of Minneapolis, and recently bought one in Chicago's West Loop neighborhood.

The downtown Minneapolis co-working market has gotten more competitive in recent years, with the opening of locations like Industrious.

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