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**34,742.82** -34.94 (-0.10%)

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NASDAQ Composite  
**13,401.86** -350.38 (-2.55%)



PROVIDED BY SIG SAUER INC.

Gov. Chris Sununu joined company officials and others for a groundbreaking ceremony Friday on Sig Sauer Inc.'s new "Experience Center" in Epping

### EPPING

## Ground broken on 'Experience Center'

■ Sig Sauer begins construction of 40,500-square-foot addition in Epping.

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Sig Sauer Inc. has begun work on a \$13.5 million "Sig Sauer Experience Center" at its Epping training facility.

The company held a groundbreaking ceremony Friday with Gov. Chris Sununu and other state and local officials to kick off construction of the 40,500-square-foot center at Sig Sauer Academy on Route 27.

According to Sig Sauer officials, the new building will feature the compa-

ny's flagship retail showroom, "state-of-the-art" indoor shooting ranges and a high-tech, interactive museum focused on Sig Sauer's history.

The building will also offer an educational experience for products, a multi-purpose meeting space and conference rooms.

The new ranges will allow the company to move more of its outdoor training inside, which officials have said will help cut down on noise.

"Sig Sauer is growing, and we are excited to officially break ground for the Sig Sauer Experience to mark the beginning of another phase of our evolution," said Ron Cohen, Sig Sauer's president and chief executive officer.

Cohen said the new building, which is expected to open next year, will bring visitors to the region from around the world and create new jobs.

The company estimates the addition of the new building would create 16 new jobs at its shooting range, academy and pro shop, increasing the number of employees at the Epping facility to 52.

He described the project as a "true partnership with our state and local leaders that have worked hard to foster an environment where Sig Sauer can grow and thrive and are one of the secrets to our continued success and growth here in New Hampshire."

Sununu said Sig Sauer's

expansion is a welcome addition to the state's growing economy.

"Sig Sauer is one of New Hampshire's largest employers providing a diverse mix of high-tech manufacturing jobs to our workforce, and I am glad to partner with them as they continue to firmly plant their roots right here in the Granite State," he said.

Sig Sauer proposed the project in November after receiving conditional approval in Brentwood to construct a new building with four classrooms, break rooms, restrooms and showers on the Brentwood portion of the property.

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