The story of Beacon is the story of Boston.

Boston’s founders once envisioned “a city on a hill” that would be a shining example to the rest of the world. In almost 400 years since, the City of Boston has led the way in everything from science and engineering to culture and society.

We are that shining city on a hill.

And we cannot think of a better symbol for the revolutionary spirit, innovative thinking, and resilience of Boston’s people than one of Boston’s many historic firsts, the lighthouse.

For centuries, the lighthouse’s shining beacon has been associated with hope and promise — a steady pillar of reassurance, guiding travelers safely to their destination.

The lighthouse is built to withstand generations of turbulent seas and storms. And as a source of light, the beacon illuminates the path ahead, providing motivation and inspiration to carry on.

We chose to call the City of Boston’s Employee HR Self-Service Portal Beacon, in honor of our shared responsibility as City employees and Bostonians to light the way for all.