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## **Vantage Builders renovates Locus Robotics' 15,000 s/f headquarters**

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Wilmington, MA Vantage Builders, Inc. has renovated the new corporate headquarters of Locus Robotics at 301 Ballardvale St.

“Locus Robotics is one of the most innovative companies that we’ve encountered and we enjoyed working closely with them on the renovation,” said John Connor, principal of Vantage Builders. “By taking a design-build approach to this project, we were able to shorten the schedule, reduce costs and ensure Locus Robotics’ satisfaction with the new office.”

Locus Robotics needed new office space to accommodate recent growth driven by increased demand for its innovative autonomous e-commerce fulfillment robotics products. The company secured 15,000 s/f of first-class office space on the first floor of its current building. The new location eliminated the need for a disruptive, larger scale move but required significant work before move-in. Building ownership, Berkeley Management, hired Vantage Builders for the 15,000 s/f project.

The project began with selective internal demolition and building of new internal walls to prepare the space for the layout created by Sierra Architects. Vantage built out or renovated 17 offices and 50 workspace areas. Four new conference room, each outfitted with A-V equipment, can host a range of meeting sizes, from 6 to 20 people.

Visitors and employees are met with a new, inviting reception area that highlights Locus Robotics’ branding. The office areas feature all new lighting, ceilings, paint, floor finishes, glass walls, and custom millwork.

A new pantry and kitchen area provides a location for employees to congregate to eat and have some needed downtime. The pantry has a welcoming feel, with a luxury vinyl tile (LVT) floating floor, cloud ceilings, custom banquet seating, and quartz island counters with waterfall details.

The office features a dynamic and fully operational robotics demonstration area. Designed like a warehouse, the demo features the autonomous LocusBots performing the e-commerce automation tasks they conduct in their real world warehouse environments.

“Our new headquarters location allows us bring together our innovative product development, manufacturing, and corporate teams under one roof, something we didn’t have until now,” said Rick Faulk, CEO of Locus Robotics. “Working with Vantage’s excellent expertise and project

management team, we were able to bring all of these disciplines together to create a vibrant working environment that helps to stimulate further innovation and creativity while giving us plenty of space for future growth.”

Locus Robotics transforms your productivity without transforming your warehouse. Locus’s innovative, autonomous robots work collaboratively alongside workers, helping them pick 2x-5x faster, with near-100% accuracy, and less labor compared to traditional picking systems. This proven, powerful technology integrates easily into existing warehouse infrastructure without disrupting workflows.

Vantage Builders offers contracting services to corporations, developers, property managers, retailers and private institutions throughout New England. Their standard construction services include general contracting and construction management. More comprehensive services include design/build and value engineering. In managing and building scores of commercial projects, they’ve found that versatility is key to their customers’ success. Their experience includes specialized tenant build-outs, standard property improvements, base building work and construction from the ground up.

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