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Abbot restores Quincy Medical Center Emergency Room entrance

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Abbot Building Restoration Company, Inc., conducted a major restoration of the façade above and surrounding the entrance to the emergency room at Quincy Medical Center.

The façade is constructed of structural steel with poured concrete floors. The walls consist of steel studs, and interior and exterior dry wall finished with brick and 8" x 8" accent tile blocks over the exterior side. An evaluation by Meridian Consulting of Canton, determined that the original flashing on the façade had failed which allowed water to penetrate into the interior of the building at various locations throughout its six floors.

Based on the engineering evaluation, Abbot was contracted to remove the accent block and brick at the relieving angle irons and above the windows at each floor, and install a double layer of flashing. The material used for the first layer of flashing was Grace Bituthene membrane and for the second layer was lead-coated copper. Upon completion of the flashing installation, new brick and accent tile block were installed.

The entire project, valued at approximately \$500,000, began in late spring 2009 and is currently in its final phase.

Abbot Building Restoration Company specializes in restoring and preserving the integrity of the building enclosure of aging structures in the greater Boston area. They also provide remedial weatherproofing services to correct construction deficiencies in newer structures. Specific areas of expertise include:

- * Masonry construction and repairs
- * Weatherproofing services
- * Caulking
- * Pointing
- * Waterproofing
- * Special coatings and sealants
- * Roof repair, replacement, or resurfacing

Quincy Medical Center is a private, non-profit, 282-bed community teaching hospital with state-of-the-art medical technology providing more than a century of public service to the City of Quincy, MA and communities along the South Shore. The hospital's emergency services encompass the immediate delivery of clot-busting medication for heart attacks and strokes, and the use of state-of-the-art medical imaging for rapid diagnosis.

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