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A. P. Construction breaks ground on 87,000 s/f project for Town of Hamden

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A.P. Construction Company, a division of The Ashforth Company, recently broke ground on the renovation of the Hamden Memorial Town Hall and the new police department. This new police headquarters facility will be adjacent to its current location on Dixwell Ave. and attached to the Memorial Town Hall.

The project will include a 50,000 s/f renovation of the existing Memorial Town Hall and the construction of a new three-story, 37,000 s/f state of the art police station. Hamden Memorial Town Hall is listed on the national register of historic buildings and also houses the existing fire station. The new building will extend the streetscape of this historic building to the west, while providing a defined new entrance for the police headquarters that will hold a total of 75 employees once completed. In addition, a two-level, 40,000 s/f parking garage will be added along with road improvements to Rte. 10 state highway.

The project is expected to be completed in the summer of 2011 and will be a LEED Silver certified building as defined by the requirements of the USGBC (United States Green Building Council).

Careful project phasing is planned to ensure smooth, uninterrupted town operations. The existing police headquarters building will remain in place until renovation of the town hall and construction of the new police headquarters addition (including a new communication system) are complete. After the Hamden police department moves into its new headquarters, the existing police buildings will be demolished. The last project phase will include construction of the parking structure and final site work.

The architect is Bianco Giolitto Weston Architects. Frank Fazekas is the project manager. Mark Moran is the superintendent, and Jace Colaneri is the assistant project manager.

A.P. Construction's most recent LEED project was the 54,000 s/f Darien library which was completed early last year and attained a LEED Gold certification.