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Payette celebrates grand opening of UMass. Medical Center project

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Payette attended the opening of the Ambulatory Care Center at the University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS) and UMass Memorial Medical Center. The nine-story, 258,000 s/f facility combines outstanding patient care under one roof with clinical research and medical education. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Sept. 15.

Payette worked with UMass Medical School and UMass Memorial Medical Center to design a clinical and research facility that meets the needs of its patients and students. Design criteria achieved with this facility include:

- * Maximum daylight reaching interior spaces;
- * Lighting controlled by occupancy sensors to reduce power use;
- * Energy-efficient heating and cooling systems;
- * Recycled materials included in carpet, rubber floors, ceiling tiles, and countertops; and
- * Construction waste recycled to minimize material sent to landfills.

With a goal of accommodating more than 183,000 patient visits a year, this world-class patient care and research facility will benefit the health of residents across Central and Western Massachusetts. Located on the University Campus of UMass Memorial Medical Center and UMass Medical School, the Ambulatory Care Center, is the new home to the cancer, diabetes, heart and vascular and orthopedic Centers of Excellence. .

"The project was the culmination of the efforts of many people on the design-build team, and the medical school and hospital administration," said Ian Adamson, principal of Payette. "But the success of the project will be due to the tireless efforts of the staff and patients who assisted in authoring the design, which ultimately makes visiting the building a pleasant experience for its patients."

Project team members include Consigli Construction of Milford, Mass., general contractor; RDK Engineers of Andover, Mass., mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) engineer; Souza True and Partners of Watertown, Mass., structural engineer; and Nitsch Engineering of Boston, civil engineer.

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