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## **Pro Con completes wood framing for green NH Liquor & Wine Outlet; \$3.3m project designed for LEED Gold Certification**

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New Hampshire's outlet store's main entrance canopy is in place and the wood framing is complete for the New Hampshire Liquor & Wine Outlet store. Pro Con Inc is the architect and general contractor for the \$3.3 million project, which has been designed and is being built to achieve LEED Gold. The new 20,000 s/f outlet is being built behind an existing state liquor store at 27 Coliseum Ave., which will be demolished when the new store is completed.

The outlet store's design incorporates numerous ecologically friendly features, including solar panels, energy efficient LED lighting, and geo-thermal heating and cooling systems. Local building materials and low volatile organic compound products will also be applied and installed. The Liquor & Wine Outlet's landscaping will be comprised of local plants and grasses that require no irrigation. An information display will educate customers on the building's numerous energy savings and sustainable design features.

Pro Con Inc has registered the project with the U.S. Green Building Council and intends to pursue certification under USGBC's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) program. The goal is to recycle 95% of construction waste from the new building and 95% of demolition material from the old building. Recycled materials will also be used to build new store features including a wine tasting display counter that will be made from recycled glass.

"With the wood framing being completed, including the entrance canopy, the building is beginning to look like a New Hampshire Liquor and Wine Outlet store," said the project manager for Pro Con Inc. "The roof shingles have been installed and once the remaining windows are installed by mid-March, the building will be completely weather tight. In addition, the drilling for the well for the geo-thermal heating and cooling systems is 50% complete."

The new store is part of the N.H. Liquor Commission's (NHLC) plan to modernize stores statewide and increase sales. At 20,000 s/f, this expanded retail floor space and contemporary open concept design will allow for a greater selection of products and a more engaging experience for shoppers. The NHLC has been responsible for the renovation and relocation of several N.H. Liquor & Wine Outlets to-date with successful results in Gilford, Plaistow, Hampstead, Manchester, Merrimack, Lincoln and Lebanon.

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