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## **Closer look at Lavallee Brensinger Architects: Earned a reputation for innovative, cost-effective designs**

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Since its founding more than 30 years ago, Lavallee Brensinger Architects has grown to be one of Northern New England's premier architectural practices, with expanding presence throughout the region. As its loyal clients will attest, the firm has earned a reputation for innovative, cost-effective design solutions and exceptional client service.

The firm includes a team of 50 professionals located in Manchester, and Stoneham, Mass. Lavallee Brensinger Architects is dedicated to applying its skills in campus planning, building design, and responsible project delivery to create environments that enhance the quality of life for clients and their communities. The firm's commitment to building strong communities is of paramount importance, as represented by its concentrated expertise on those building types most essential to thriving communities: healthcare, education, and corporate/civic.

The innovation and quality of Lavallee Brensinger Architects' designs have been recognized by more than 60 regional and national design awards. Recent acknowledgements include Honors Awards for Excellence in Architecture from AIA/NH for IDEXX Laboratories, Windham High School, and Pondsides III Residence Hall at Keene State College. In addition, of great meaning to the firm are the numerous acknowledgements received for service to community. Such honors include "NH's Best Architectural Firm" for consecutive years, Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year," "Business of the Year," and many others.

### **Healthcare**

Lavallee Brensinger Architects is among New England's most experienced healthcare facilities planners and designers. During the past 34 years, the firm has cultivated an exceptionally talented Healthcare Design Group, focused exclusively on meeting the needs of clients for innovative, efficient, patient comforting, and affordable healthcare buildings and sites.

Projects have ranged in size and complexity from less than \$1 million to more than \$100 million, and each has been guided by responsible project management. And, remarkably, 100% of the healthcare institutions served by Lavallee Brensinger Architects have been repeat clients. Representative clients include: Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lawrence General Hospital, Fletcher Allen Health Care, Rutland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph Hospital, Partners Healthcare/Pentucket Medical Associates, Berkshire Medical Center, York Hospital, Concord Hospital, Exeter Hospital, and Elliot Hospital.

With experience on dozens of master plans, inpatient care projects, surgical departments, emergency departments, imaging departments, ambulatory care centers, and several hundred physician practices, Lavallee Brensinger Architects' Healthcare Design Group offers insight and knowledge based on research and understanding of emerging models of care delivery and management.

The best outcomes nearly always result from an effective team effort. Among Lavallee Brensinger Architects' priorities is to empower clients to make the best possible decisions to serve their communities. The firm has developed an inclusive design process, supported by state-of-the-art communications technologies. For example, Lavallee Brensinger Architects is a regional leader in the use of Building Information Modeling (BIM) technology, having fully converted to a BIM platform nearly four years ago. Using BIM, design teams create dynamic 3D models of all spaces within each project, enabling users to gain a much clearer understanding of the design intent and promoting in-depth design dialog and critique.

In addition, Lavallee Brensinger Architects is a national leader in the use of advanced simulation tools to test program and design assumptions in order to enhance operational efficiency and workflow. Such critical thinking and analysis are integral to the firm's design process, and the measurable results are highly valuable to a client's decision making.

#### Education

Lavallee Brensinger Architects' commitment to quality learning environments is evident in each of the firm's more than 300 higher education and K-12 projects. Recent projects include: the new Windham High School, new and renovated residence halls throughout the University of New Hampshire system, renovations to Dartmouth College's Alumni Gymnasium, the University of New Hampshire Manchester master plan, as well as Salem School District K-8 master plan and additions/renovations to six elementary schools.

Lavallee Brensinger Architects' Education Design Group represents some of the most experienced facility planners and designers in the region who understand the challenges and needs facing educational institutions today. The firm's experts recognize the competitive nature of a quality education, and the ever-present demand of institutions to provide increasingly comprehensive services to their students. Whether a client needs a campus master plan, a residence hall creating the "home-away-from-home" environment, or a state-of-the-art high school, Lavallee Brensinger Architects offers the depth of knowledge and expertise required for a successful project.

In the K-12 market, Lavallee Brensinger Architects has helped dozens of school districts develop buildings that empower them to excel as educators, delivering on their commitments to their students and their communities. Together, the Lavallee Brensinger Architects team of highly skilled planners and designers guide building committees through an exciting and empowering process of design and exploration. The firm has successfully guided school districts to implement cost-effective facilities without compromising the quality and durability of its designs.

For many towns, the critical measure of success is gaining public support for a bond vote. Lavallee Brensinger Architects has assisted dozens of towns to develop a strategic campaign and communications plan to create support for the proposed project.

In addition, Lavallee Brensinger Architects believes that "green" design should be an element of every project. The design team guides school districts toward practical, appropriate solutions for a CHPS or LEED® project, ensuring that the facility will be cost-effective to operate for years to come. Lavallee Brensinger Architects promotes the renovation and adaptation of existing buildings, as demonstrated by their restoration work on the oldest buildings on each of the University System of New Hampshire's campuses: UNH Durham, Plymouth State University, and Keene State College.

#### Corporate / Civic

Lavallee Brensinger Architects fundamentally believes that its work is not just about buildings. The firm promotes the design process as an extraordinary opportunity for institutions and businesses to

sharpen their missions, increase productivity, and enhance their brands. The firm's design teams engage clients in the collaborative exploration of their important work and utilize the design process as a catalyst for strengthening their organizations and communities.

As northern New England's largest architectural firm, Lavallee Brensinger Architects has successfully completed more than \$2 billion in projects, including landmarks such as: Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, Verizon Wireless Arena, and Christa McAuliffe Planetarium. In addition, many regional corporations have partnered with Lavallee Brensinger Architects for their headquarters projects including: PSNH, Unitil, Primex, NYNEX, IDEXX Laboratories, and others.

The firm has been proud to serve state and local municipalities on dozens of projects over the past three decades, offering an unmatched depth of resources and experience. Notable recent work includes a new LEED registered municipal complex consisting of a comprehensive public works/administration facility and the largest new police headquarters in New England, as well as 11 courthouse and judicial projects, and the John Sununu Youth Development Center.

As the world changes all around us, Lavallee Brensinger Architects remains energized and looks forward to new opportunities for growth and transformation. The firm has not been compromised by the recent economy and is well positioned for continued success in the new building environment. Lavallee Brensinger Architects continues to provide the outstanding service and design excellence for which the firm is known, while maintaining the core values that guide its work. Please visit the firm's new website [www.LBPA.com](http://www.LBPA.com) and let their work speak for itself.

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