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Pro Con architect/general contractor for \$3.3 million environmentally friendly NH Liquor & Wine Outlet Store

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With the framework being completed and the exterior finishes underway, New Hampshire's new, environmentally friendly Liquor and Wine Outlet Store is beginning to take shape. 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 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 store's green exterior siding and the granite façade are currently being installed," stated the project manager for Pro Con Inc. "The geo-thermal wells are complete and the installation of the mechanicals and drywall is on-going. We remain on-schedule for a late June completion date."

The new Outlet store is part of the New Hampshire Liquor Commission's (NHLC) plan to modernize stores statewide and increase sales. The 20,000 s/f interior features a contemporary open concept design with the heavy timber framing of a classic New England barn. An expanded retail floor space, New Hampshire granite counter tops and a greater selection of products will create a more engaging experience for shoppers.

The store's design and construction 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 are being used for construction. The Liquor & Wine Outlet's landscaping will be comprised of local plants and grasses that require no irrigation.

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.

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