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Margulies Perruzzi Architects designs office space for Sapien

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Margulies Perruzzi Architects (MPA) has completed the design of 8,300 s/f of additional office space in the headquarters of global services firm Sapien. In 2008, MPA completed the design of Sapien's new headquarters facility. This project marks the fourth collaboration in nine years for Sapien and MPA.

Sapien has nearly 500 employees based at its Boston headquarters at 131 Dartmouth St., and the company faced a tight time frame to renovate the additional space it took in the building. Leveraging their prior experience working together, MPA designed and delivered this project in just a few months.

Sapien moved into its new space in April. In addition to this project, MPA also prepared a preliminary design for Sapien's New York City office.

"MPA understands the collaborative way Sapien works, and our need for open and inviting work areas for our people," said Andrea Jeffrey, project manager at Sapien. "MPA's design team did a great job replicating the design of our main space and keeping the smart and innovative vibe consistent throughout this additional floor. We are pleased that MPA was able to deliver the project on such a tight schedule."

In keeping with the original design of the headquarters office, MPA designed a colorful, open floor plan of "neighborhoods" and paths that connect all the departments of this growing company. Paths marked by rust-colored carpet travel around the neighborhoods, creating an open and collaborative configuration rather than confined offices. The design provides flexibility for individual workstations with powered spines that allow the workstations to turn 90 degrees to cluster in groups or provide more privacy. A unique, bright and airy color palette was selected for each neighborhood's small cluster of offices and meeting rooms. The paints were chosen to blend with existing colors and finishes, and to provide cost-effective design.

H&H Construction was the construction manager, and RDK Engineers provided mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineering for the project.

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