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Shawmut Design and Const. launches partnership with OSHA: partnership will benefit Uxbridge High school project

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Shawmut Design and Construction has entered a new partnership with the Springfield office of the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

The signing ceremony took place at the Uxbridge High School job site on August 25.

Shawmut began construction of the new, ground-up academic building in May. The project consists of a 123,000 s/f, three-story building with a two-story wing that will serve 600 students. Construction is scheduled to be completed in summer 2012.

This partnership will allow Shawmut to facilitate OSHA's construction safety courses and equipment training with employees and subcontractors working on the construction of the new high school ensuring continued safe practices on the job site. Subcontractors also signed a commitment to take part in lessons and apply what they learn on future jobsites.

This is Springfield OSHA's only current such partnership and is made possible by Shawmut's commitment to meeting and exceeding OSHA's high safety standards.

"Every step we take allows us to be proactive when it comes to safety," said Shaun Carvalho, Shawmut's safety manager. "Right now, we are the only construction management firm to have a partnership like this with OSHA's Springfield office."

Shawmut superintendent Luke Grady is credited with developing this partnership, and the company has previously engaged in a similar partnership with OSHA's Andover office for the construction of the new high school in Wayland.

"We don't do a lot of these partnerships, but it's clear that Shawmut has a lot of pride in their work," said Mary Hoye, area director of OSHA. "This is a great opportunity for OSHA to work with the best of the best."

Shown (from left) are: Shaun Carvalho, Shawmut safety manager; Luke Grady, Shawmut superintendent; Mary Hoye, area director of OSHA; Timothy Barges, Shawmut director of local field operations; Peter L'Hommedieu, Shawmut senior project manager; Tony Miliote, Shawmut vice president.

OSHA area director Mary Hoye, left, shakes hands with Shawmut vice president Tony Miliote, right, following a ceremonial signing while Shawmut director of local field operations Timothy Barges and Shawmut senior project manager Peter L'Hommedieu look on.