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Bierbrier receives first core and shell LEED certified retail building in Massachusetts

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According to Bierbrier Development Inc., its recently expanded Arlington Village Shops has become the first core and shell LEED-certified retail building in Massachusetts.

"We're also proud of the fact that our application was the second in the entire U.S. for the core and shell LEED certification for a retail property, awarded for high performance green buildings by the U.S. Green Building Council," said Len Bierbrier, president of Bierbrier Development. "At Bierbrier Development, we're fully committed to being on the cutting edge of green development and proud to have been a 'first mover' at this inflection point in shopping center development industry."

Arlington Village Shops is a 25,000 s/f urban retail center, with 9,000 s/f addition designed by Prellwitz Chilinski Associates, a Cambridge-based architectural firm. The new building is 26% more energy efficient and will use 40% less water. In addition, 82% of all construction debris was diverted from landfill and 20% of the building's materials by cost were made from recycled content. Also, all interior materials used in the building were low Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) emitting materials.

Major tenants at the shopping center include Unleashed by PETCO, Panera Bread, and The Meat House.

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