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## **Consigli Construction and Becker Structural Engineers complete exterior renovation of Maine General Hospital building at Maine Medical Center**

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The design/build team of Consigli Construction Co., Inc. and Becker Structural Engineers, Inc. has completed the exterior envelope restoration of the original Maine General Hospital building at the Maine Medical Center.

One of the first hospitals in Maine, and part of the rebuilding of Portland after the Great Fire of 1866, Maine General Hospital first opened its doors in 1874. A series of construction and renovation projects, including a \$46 million expansion in 1984, resulted in the current complex totaling more than 1 million s/f. The Maine General Hospital Building anchors the complex and houses the hospital's administrative offices.

Working around occupied offices, Consigli and Becker phased the construction to minimize interruptions. The project included a full slate roof replacement, exterior wood trim and wood window sash restoration, replacement of deteriorated building stones, cutting and pointing of mortar joints and painting of all exterior elements.

"By all accounts this project was a resounding success. In addition to finishing one month ahead of schedule and about 8% under budget, performing the quality work that they did while the building was completely occupied was remarkable," said Roger Boyington, director of plant engineering, Maine Medical Center.

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