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Project of the Month: Metric Construction completes 100,000 s/f renovation at Merrill's Wharf on Portland's waterfront

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Metric Construction has completed a 100,000 s/f renovation at Merrill's Wharf.

The project consisted of a complex renovation resulting in the revitalization and re-use of a landmark property in the city's historic waterfront.

Metric worked with Winton Scott Architects and Visnick & Caulfield Associates Inc. to transform the tired five-story mill building into a modern office space for the law firm of Pierce Atwood LLP, and other smaller tenants.

Careful coordination allowed for the restoration of certain architectural elements throughout the building where exposed brick, granite and stone were blended into the décor.

The project included the construction of networked offices for 170+ attorneys, a virtual conference center, a library, a large cafeteria, and a rooftop deck. Infrastructure improvements around the exterior including updated electric services and sidewalks were also completed to enhance the overall wharf area.

Salvaged granite blocks from the Million Dollar Bridge which preceded the Casco Bay Bridge across the Fore River, mark the building's main entrance to celebrate and further preserve the significance of the landmark location. Despite the usual challenges presented with complex rehabilitation, Metric delivered the building on schedule.

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