

## Consigli Construction celebrates topping-off of 305,000 s/f; Project team includes Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Spagnolo Gisness and Vanderweil

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Construction, building development and design teams as well as local officials, including mayor Henrietta Davis, celebrated a major milestone at 225 Binney St. Hosted by Consigli Construction Co., Inc., a topping off ceremony marked the placement of the last iron beam onto the new 305,000 s/f office building, which includes 105,000 s/f of below-grade parking.

The first of five buildings planned for the Alexandria Center at Kendall Sq., a science and technology campus developed by Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc., is located in the city's scientific research, academic and technology center. Designed to meet LEED Silver certification, the building's integrated design team includes developer ARE, construction manager Consigli, architects Spagnolo Gisness Architects and Nelson, and MEP engineers, Vanderweil.

Developed to house Biogen Idec's general and administrative functions, the building will include flexible and innovative spaces to encourage collaboration, along with a conference center and a 6,300 s/f cafeteria, among other amenities. The modern architecture of the six-story building, featuring a glass and terra cotta façade will also incorporate two existing historic buildings.

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