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## **Pro Con Inc honored for design build and sustainable design for Excellence in Construction 2012 by ABC NH/VT**

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Pro Con Inc was honored with six awards at the "Excellence in Construction 2012" celebration hosted by The Associated Builders and Contractors of New Hampshire and Vermont (ABC NH/VT). The award winning projects included; New Hampshire Liquor and Wine Outlet, Nashua, NH, The Residences at Portwalk, Portsmouth, NH and The TownePlace Suites by Marriott, North Kingstown, RI. All three projects were honored with Design Build and Sustainable Awards.

The competitive juried awards program sponsored by ABC NH/VT recognizes the best projects in the region and the important role that architects and contractors have in delivering successful projects.

"Pro Con Inc is honored to be recognized for these three unique projects", said Jim Loft, AIA, senior vice president, Pro Con Inc. "It was a collaborative effort to bring these design build projects to fruition and we would like to thank the owners for putting their trust in Pro Con Inc and the project team members for their individual contributions and support."

The 20,000 s/f New Hampshire Liquor and Wine Outlet was recognized with a Design Build Excellence Award and a Design Build Sustainability Award. The interior design features exposed timber post and beam framing with clerestory windows that flood the store with natural light and create a welcoming environment for both customers and employees. The expanded retail floor space allows for a greater selection of products and a more engaging customer shopping experience. The exterior design uses New Hampshire Granite as a stone base and Hardie plank in Mountain Sage for the exterior siding. The exterior design has become the prototype for future liquor and wine outlets across the state. Pro Con Inc was the architect and construction manager for the store, which features solar panels, energy efficient LED lighting, and geo-thermal heating and cooling systems. The project achieved LEED Gold Certification.

The Residences at Portwalk was recognized with a Design Build Excellence Award and a Design Build Sustainability Award. Pro Con Inc was the architect and construction manager for the mixed-use development that achieved LEED Gold. The 5-story, 96,000 s/f property is comprised of 36 luxury residential apartments above first floor retail. Sustainable design practices were incorporated into each phase of construction and operations of the building, which resulted in The Residences at Portwalk attaining a 31% improvement in energy performance when compared to a similar building.

"We developed, designed and constructed The Residences at Portwalk with a strong focus on sustainability and incorporated environmentally friendly features into the operation of the building," said Jeff Johnston of Cathartes Private Investments and developer of the project. "We are very proud that the Residences at Portwalk attained LEED Gold Certification and know the residents appreciate the building's energy cost saving features."

The TownePlace Suites by Marriott was honored with a Design Build Excellence Award and a Design Build Sustainability Award. Pro Con Inc was the architect and construction manager for the 104-key, 55,453 s/f hotel, which was developed by Waterford Development of Needham, Mass. and New Boston Fund Inc of Boston. The hotel's sustainable features include a geothermal well system for heating and cooling the common space of the building, natural lighting, enhanced air quality, low volatile organic compounds, non-CFR refrigerants, energy efficient appliances and light fixtures, low-e windows with insulated glazing and low flow plumbing fixtures.

Pro Con Inc is a full service architecture, engineering and construction management firm specializing in commercial, hospitality, institutional, industrial and multi-family residential projects. The company is recognized as an industry leader and is known for their single source design-build delivery system, The Diamond Solution, an integrated approach providing architecture, engineering, preconstruction and construction services by a single source.

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