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Downes Construction completes Hudson Street employee parking garage and Barney Fitness Center for Hartford Hospital

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Downes Construction Company was awarded the Hudson St. employee parking garage and the Barney Fitness Center as one of the initial phases to Hartford Hospitals "2020" revitalization program. Downes is proud to announce the completion of these projects, which significantly increases Hartford Hospital's parking capacity while supporting the physical fitness of its employees. As part of the first phase, Downes was contracted to build the new nine-level Hudson St. parking garage, which required a deep foundation system to overcome the challenges of Hartford's existing soil conditions. Replete with functionality, this garage includes 1,250 parking spaces, electric vehicle charging stations, and the employee fitness center. This aesthetically pleasing parking structure is highlighted by three-dimensional precast panels clad in select locations with colored perforated panels and stainless steel mesh. The effect that sunlight brings to these elements throughout the day is what makes this garage so unique.

Additionally, Downes completed the fit-out of Hartford Hospital's employee fitness center, located on the ground level of the parking garage. The existing space was transformed into a modern fitness center that could support a 24/7 operating environment, personal training, classes and health evaluations.

"We were very honored to work on the Hartford Hospital's employee parking garage and employee fitness center," said Jeffrey Anderson, project manager for Downes Construction. "By working closely with Perkins + Will, Desman Associates, and Hartford Hospital, we were able to deliver a parking structure and fitness center that not only met the highest standards of quality, but is also attractive, functional and represents a significant aspect of the hospital's revitalization plan."

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