

Feature of the Month: Trinity Building + Construction completes 3,000 s/f ground-up construction of Sovereign Bank in Newtonville

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Trinity Building + Construction Management Corp., a general contracting and construction management firm, has completed the construction of Sovereign Bank, located at 624 Washington St. The 3,000 s/f one-story building prominently features a tower and vestibule at its entrance. Designed by architect Symmes Maini & McKee Associates, key elements include branding features such as illuminated signage and visual screens, along with the sleek design concept Sovereign is known for.

"Trinity's team overcame numerous challenges that arose on the Sovereign Bank project," said Paul Mancini, vice president of business development + preconstruction at Trinity. "Many of these challenges were unanticipated, such as the arrival of Hurricane Sandy, and in spite of these obstacles, the team never skipped a beat. The project was hugely successful due to the exceptional teamwork and communication from everyone involved."

The original space was an automobile dealership therefore significant environmental clean-up was required during demolition, including the removal of hydraulic lifts. During utility installation, Trinity discovered the project would require a special step down transformer for the secondary electrical service. As a result, the team took the unique approach of procuring a refurbished transformer, which eliminated what could have been an extremely long lead-time process and possibly cause project delays.

Unfortunately Mother Nature also played a major role in the project; Hurricane Sandy caused major issues running utilities to the site. Trinity leveraged their relationships with utility companies to prevent major delays in installation dates ultimately eliminating any impact to Sovereign and the project schedule.

During construction the project team discovered an MWRA waterline not initially identified on the drawings, and in order to connect the building to the water system the line had to be crossed. Trinity's team immediately went into action, obtaining special permits and conducting meetings with the MWRA. The team was also faced with the challenge of paving the parking lot prior to the seasonal closing of asphalt plants, a milestone they were able to meet.

"We are proud of the longstanding relationship that Trinity has fostered with Sovereign Bank, which spans the construction of several projects in the New England and New York regions," said Mancini.

"Currently we are excited to begin work on phase three of the multi-phased construction of Banco Santander's Global Facilities, located in New York City."

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