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Margulies Perruzzi Architects selected to design 120,000 s/f global headquarters for CDM Smith

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Margulies Perruzzi Architects (MPA), one of Boston's most innovative architectural and interior design firms, has been selected to design the new 120,000 s/f global headquarters for CDM Smith, a global engineering and construction firm providing integrated solutions in water, environment, transportation, energy and facilities to public and private clients worldwide. Desiring a more current and collaborative workspace, CDM Smith engaged MPA to design and renovate six floors at 75 State St. under an eight-month schedule.

Relocating from 50 Hampshire St. in Cambridge, CDM Smith sought a more forward-looking and engaging space that would appeal to its multi-generational workforce. Encompassing 120,000 s/f across the six floors, CDM Smith's new headquarters will feature workstations in an open plan setting, glass-front offices, conference rooms, huddle spaces, a design-build center, automation lab, and a multi-purpose room for training and all-staff meetings. The work areas will be built with prefabricated partitions for flexibility and easy reconfiguration, and sustainable materials will be selected to realize energy savings and efficiency and promote a healthy work environment. Many of the new private offices will be located on the interior, preserving natural light and views for those in open plan workstations. Flexibility will be considered in the design of private offices and in furniture selection, enabling offices to double as meeting spaces.

The design will feature a variety of meeting space sizes to support collaboration. Traditional large and medium-sized conference rooms will be augmented with huddle rooms for small teamwork and focus rooms for individual work. Meeting space types will be distributed throughout all floors for improved access by all CDM Smith staff. Meeting spaces will feature audiovisual technology to enhance collaboration. Overall, the quantity of meeting space will be increased by more than 160% in the new headquarters.

Structure Tone is the general contractor for the project, and TMP Consulting Engineers is providing MEP consulting services.

Consistently ranked as one of Boston's top architectural and interior design firms, Margulies Perruzzi Architects creates buildings and interiors for clients who value design. The firm services the corporate, professional services, healthcare, research/lab, and real estate communities with a focus on sustainable design. MPA has designed high performance workspaces for Iron Mountain, Zipcar, Boston Scientific, Philips, Vistaprint, Forrester Research, Hobbs Brook Management, and Reliant Medical Group.

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