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Tocci Building's 225 Binney Street building receives Engineering News Record's Best Office/Mixed-Use Development Award

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Tocci Building Companies' 225 Binney St. has received Engineering News Record's (ENR) 2014 Best Office/Retail/Mixed-Use Development Award. As program manager for the build-to-suit property, Tocci provided owner's representation and program management services for the construction of the six-story, 307,000 s/f building that is located in Kendall Sq.'s Binney St. Innovation Corridor.

The award-winning project team worked on behalf of Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc., and included construction manager Consigli Construction Companies, lead design firm Spagnolo Gisness & Associates, tenant interior architect NELSON, structural engineer McNamara/Salvia, civil engineer Kleinfelder, MEP engineer R.G. Vanderweil Engineers, geotechnical and environmental engineer Haley & Aldrich, Inc., and building tenant Biogen Idec.

"This award is an honor for not only Tocci Building Companies, but also to all contributing firms who helped bring this project to a successful completion," said Bud LaRosa, chief business performance officer at Tocci Building Cos. "By facilitating collaborative utilization of Building Information Modeling (BIM) and Virtual Design and Construction (VDC) practices across design and construction teams, we were able to achieve a high-quality, timely, safe, and efficient delivery for this important first phase of the Alexandria Center Development."

225 Binney St. is the first of five planned buildings for the 2.86 million gross s/f Alexandria Center at Kendall Sq., and will serve as the headquarters for Biogen Idec. With a new steel structure, glass terra cotta facade, conference center, cafeteria, and below-grade parking, the LEED-Gold certified building was designed to fit in with the region's high-tech, life-science surroundings.

ENR's Best Projects Awards are a series of special events to celebrate and honor the building teams that created the best projects of 2014 nationwide. These extraordinary projects are selected by juries of local prominent industry professionals. Categories awarded cover a variety of building and highway/heavy categories - from Best Green Project to Best Highway Project, and many more.

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