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Margulies Perruzzi Architects receives IFMA Award for Boston Scientific work

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According to Margulies Perruzzi Architects (MPA), its high performance workspace design for Boston Scientific Corp. was honored with a 2015 Best Practice Award of Excellence by the International Facility Management Association (IFMA) Boston Chapter.

The IFMA Boston Awards of Excellence recognize the finest advancements and contributions in facility management. The awards, given at a celebratory dinner on May 20, honor the design/client teams whose facility management project demonstrate innovation and impact on business objectives and have had a substantial, positive effect on the success of the organization. MPA provided corporate architecture and interior design services for Boston Scientific's new global headquarters, a 110,000 s/f, four-story building that completes the fourth side of the company's existing campus quadrangle in Marlborough.

Completed in June 2014, the design of Boston Scientific's global headquarters building embraces a high performance workspace strategy that fosters flexibility and collaboration, promotes company branding and core values, and provides a technology-enabled and healthy work environment. The new workspace features an open, collaborative work environment with flexible low-height workstations arranged in "neighborhoods," and supported by plenty of informal huddle and collaboration spaces and state-of-the-art videoconference rooms. The open office floor plan places glass-fronted private offices away from the perimeter to offer natural light and views for everyone. Expected to achieve LEED certification (level pending), the building is consistent with Boston Scientific's emphasis on sustainability throughout the campus.

The new building is Boston Scientific's first addition to its 500,000 s/f campus, re-positioning the global headquarters from Natick, Mass. to Marlborough. The project team includes:

- * Margulies Perruzzi Architects, corporate architecture and interior design;
- * Columbia Construction Company, construction manager;
- * RDK Engineers, mechanical, engineering, and plumbing services;
- * Odeh Engineers, structural engineering services;
- * Kelly Engineering, civil engineering services;
- * Horton Lees Brogden Lighting Design, lighting design;
- * The BAM Group, branding consultant; and
- * Acentech, acoustics and mechanical system noise and vibration control consulting.

"MPA has been a true partner in the design of this modern and efficient building, taking great care that our new global headquarters possesses an energy and ambiance for innovation," said Paul Donhauser, director of global facilities and real estate at Boston Scientific. "Together, we made sure that the new building worked well with the existing buildings on campus, and inside, paid special attention to the quality of public spaces and the branding of the space to convey our company

vision. The new building reflects Boston Scientific's pride of purpose and creates a new standard for how we work, helping to transform and re-position the company for the future."

The two-story lobby is generously branded with dynamically presented information to express the medical device company's culture of innovation and achievements in science. Directly adjacent to the lobby and viewed from the second floor, an "innovation café" encourages casual collaboration. An employee training center is accessed from a glass-walled gallery looking into a landscaped courtyard, allowing small meetings or casual outdoor relaxation. The location of the new building was selected so that a courtyard between the new and existing buildings could become a series of outdoor rooms and vegetated meeting areas, accessible to and linking all four buildings. All of the buildings in the quadrangle are also connected by enclosed glass walkways.

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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