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Suffolk hosts interactive ribbon cutting of new \$60 million headquarters

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Roxbury, MA Suffolk hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new \$60 million, 38,000 s/f, three-story addition to its headquarters at 65 Allerton St. The new space will foster collaboration and innovation among Suffolk employees. In lieu of a traditional ribbon cutting ceremony with an actual ribbon and scissors, the event featured interactive digital technologies that imitated the ribbon cutting ritual.

Designed by Elkus Manfredi Architects, the new office space includes collaborative work spaces, an auditorium, conference rooms, a café with outdoor seating, an expanded gym with a fitness studio, and a second-floor outdoor terrace. The new space is part of Suffolk's headquarters expansion project, which will also feature a complete interior renovation of its original office building and the launch of a Smart Lab, a collaborative environment that will be used to identify, test and scale new technologies intended to transform the construction experience and revolutionize the industry.

Guests attending the event had an opportunity to demo virtual reality technology, and hear about Suffolk's "build smart" approach and the innovative technologies and processes used to manage construction projects. The speaking program featured Suffolk chairman and CEO John Fish, mayor Marty Walsh, Suffolk Northeast president and general manger Angus Leary, and Suffolk chief innovation officer Chris Mayer.

Dignitaries attending the event included Massachusetts Housing and Economic Development secretary Jay Ash, Massachusetts state senator Linda Dorcena Forry, Massachusetts state representative Nick Collins, Boston Police commissioner William Evans, Suffolk County Sheriff Steven Tompkins, Boston Inspectional Services commissioner William Christopher Jr., Boston city councilor Annissa Essaibi George, Boston city councilor Frank Baker, Elkus Manfredi Architects founding principal David Manfredi, Elkus Manfredi Architects principal Elizabeth Lowrey, and Brian Doherty, general agent - secretary treasurer, Building and Construction Trades Council of the Metropolitan District.

Suffolk's vision is to "transform the construction experience by building smart." Because we believe if there's a better way, we'll find it. We're always challenging the industry status quo and pushing the boundaries of what is possible. We believe in the power of innovation and people, and we empower our teams to think differently, work collaboratively and execute flawlessly on the most complex and sophisticated projects in the country. Our strong culture of innovation, combined with the most advanced tools such as virtual design and construction (VDC), virtual reality technologies and lean construction principles, is revolutionizing our industry and redefining what it means to be a builder.

Suffolk is a national building contractor with \$2.9 billion in annual revenue and offices in Boston, New York City, Miami, West Palm Beach, Tampa, Estero, Dallas, Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego. We service clients in every major industry sector, including healthcare, science and technology, education, federal government, gaming, aviation and commercial. Suffolk is privately held and is led by Founder, Chairman and CEO John Fish. Suffolk is ranked #26 on the Engineering News-Record list of “Top 400 Contractors” in the country.

Suffolk is a community-conscious organization dedicated to environmentally friendly and sustainable business practices, and is committed to making a positive impact in its local communities through grassroots volunteer work, employee fundraising and corporate giving.

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