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## **Erland Const. completes 70,000 s/f Ocular Therapeutix renovation**

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Ocular Therapeutix, 15 Crosby Drive - Bedford, MA

Bedford, MA Erland Construction completed construction of Ocular Therapeutix Inc.'s new headquarter space.

In nine months, Erland conducted a renovation of an existing three-story, 70,000 s/f building located at 15 Crosby Dr. in the Crosby Corporate Center to house new office and lab space. In addition to six new cleanrooms and additional lab support spaces, the renovation produced open and private offices, conference rooms, a lunch/meeting room and main lobby staircase. One of the challenges for Erland was conducting the work while two clean rooms and a lab were occupied by researchers on the third floor.

Erland partnered with TRIA, who designed the space.

“This was a challenging project due to the sensitivity of Ocular’s business and the fact that the building was partially occupied during construction. The collaboration between the Ocular team, TRIA and the Erland team made everything from securing permits to developing safety plans to designing and building a flexible lab environment completely seamless and successful,” said Gregg Conboy, senior project manager, Erland Construction.

“From the get-go, Erland did a fabulous job. Not only did they keep our employees safe, but they did not disturb our work during this extensive renovation. We were kept well-informed throughout every step of the process,” said Jim Fortune, chief operating officer, Ocular Therapeutix. “The added benefit was that Erland anticipated our current and future needs and that was incorporated into the design of our new spaces.”

One major component of this renovation was the town of Bedford’s permitting process. “Erland’s ability to help us better understand the Town’s requirements avoided what would have certainly resulted in extended permit approval timelines,” said Fortune. “The construction expertise, execution and support made this a very successful project for us, and an enjoyable experience as well.”

