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## **Dacon breaks ground on 47,000 s/f Senior Metal Bellows expansion**

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Sharon, MA Senior Metal Bellows, a 60-year-old precision components manufacturer of bellows, compressors, vacuum pumps, couplings and thermal actuators, broke ground with Dacon for a two story, 47,000 s/f addition to their facility.

This project consists of a flexible 25,700 s/f manufacturing space on the first floor with a 21,300 s/f open plan for corporate offices and full-service lunch room on the second floor. A new corporate anterior entrance will be added to an existing 65,000 s/f building, two areas are joined by a glass atrium with a 32 foot clear height and shaded glass walls providing westerly views. Several years in planning, this expansion will provide maximum buildout on the site. It is the 6th expansion in the last 50 years due to growth in innovative capabilities, implementation of next generation machinery and streamlining of operations. The building envelope is a conventional steel building with membrane roof, generous ribbon and punch windows, a vertical metal sandwich panel façade and new glass corporate entry. MEP process systems include utility matrix throughout the space for compressed gas, electric and specific process gases.

Occupancy is expected this summer. Norwood Engineering is the civil engineering firm of record. William Jackson Associates, Inc. is SMB's owner's project manager.

"The quality of SMB's products is stellar. We are delighted to be partnering with them," said Chuck Reilly, VP of business development at Dacon. "Our goal with each client is utilizing design build and value engineering to create facilities which address every stage of growth. The value of correct design is building long-term working habitats."

Servicing the defense, aerospace, oil & gas, medical and semiconductor manufacturing industries, SMB's products traverse the toughest atmospheric conditions from ocean floors to outer space. Renown for creating high durability products for demanding environments, SMB's engineering expertise is often sought in the innovation of newly designed aircraft, deep sea rigs and large gas turbines.

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