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PROCON celebrates ribbon cutting on new 26,000 s/f new headquarters at 1359 Hooksett Rd.

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Shown (from left) are: Tracey Harris, PROCON HR manager; Andre Garron, Hooksett town administrator;

Joyce Craig, mayor Manchester; Chris Sununu, Governor NH; Sally and Mark Stebbins, PROCON owners;

Lance Bennett, PROCON co-president; James Loft, PROCON co-president; and Britney DeMarco, PROCON HR generalist.

Hooksett, NH PROCON welcomed guests to their 26,000 s/f building at 1359 Hooksett Rd. for a ribbon cutting celebration. Dignitaries, partners, community leaders, and employees all arrived to celebrate the official opening of the two-story class A office building that houses the company's construction management team. PROCON owners Mark and Sally Stebbins were joined by governor Chris Sununu, mayor Joyce Craig of Manchester, and town administrator Andre Garron, who all spoke at the event.

Governor Sununu opened up the speeches by congratulating the company and said, "It's good to be with you all today to celebrate your new building. Last time I was here you were just getting started, and wow, what a change - it turned out really great. You now have a building to be proud of, a place for PROCON to continue to grow and do the great work you are known for."

The expansion is the result of workforce growth at the local campus, coupled with a master-plan to upgrade the entire headquarters (purchased nearly 40 years ago), in phases over several years. Stebbins visualized a contemporary building with collaborative spaces to encourage team interaction. He looked no further than his company's in-house architectural experts to design his vision.

The team created a two-story class A building featuring a glass entrance that segues into a spacious lobby. Glass-encased offices with high ceilings and adjustable standing desks lead into hallways with collaborative spaces and wrap-around offices. A training room allows for continuous

workforce development, and the cafeteria offers amenities for employees to enjoy.

Stebbins spoke warmly to the attendees about his company's history, "My grandfather started the company in Manchester, but we moved to Hooksett in the early 1980s. There is a lot of history in this place, and we held onto some of that history in this building." Pointing to the exposed concrete in the ceiling above, he said, "For instance, the ceiling above us was part of the original concrete block manufacturing plant that ran here for many years. And, many may not realize that our building once housed the Hooksett Police Department."

The building's industrial design aesthetic is emphasized with exposed piping and wood elements in a décor of blacks and greys with the PROCON red scattered throughout. "It is a more collaborative space for our architectural, engineering and operations teams to work together and find solutions" said Tracey Pelton, executive director of business development and marketing.

This expansion is the 84-year-old company's second large-scale construction project on home turf since completing their award-winning architectural and engineering 15,000 s/f class A office five years ago. Though similar in style to its 2014 predecessor, this building presents a striking view - visible from Hooksett Rd. with the company's logo in bold lettering across the front. And, as the company continues to grow, the building's second story is available for future expansion.

"It makes us much more of a design entity than we were before, and we are really trying to grow that part of our business. We do not see any signs of a slowdown in the near future. The goal is to just continue to grow steadily," said Stebbins.

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