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## **JM Coull breaks ground at Acton Medical Center, a new 4,000 s/f facility with a planned completion for January**

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J.M. Coull, a full-service construction company, broke ground for a new 4,000 s/f medical office facility for Acton Medical Associates, PC (Acton Medical).

Formerly housed in a converted residential structure, the old facility was demolished and a new, single-story 4,000 s/f medical facility will be erected on the site.Â

Previously, Acton Medical could support two medical practitioners at this facility.Â When the new building is completed in January 2009, they will be able to accommodate four medical practitioners, doubling the adult and pediatric medical services available to the local community.

"This new facility will greatly improve the outreach Acton Medical can make to the community. By increasing and improving our space, we will be able to accommodate twice as much care as we were able to previously offer," said Joseph Berman, chief operating officer for Acton Medical Associates, PC. "We will have better access for our disabled patients, more privacy for everyone and improved care overall. We couldn't be happier with the construction and design team for doing the impossible and making this site work."

J.M. Coull served as the design/build construction manager on this project and performed complete pre-construction activities, including an extensive permitting procedure involving the towns of Westford and Littleton as the town line bisects the property.Â The project involves the installation an underground sewage disposal system and, due to its proximity to the groundwater table, the grade of the entire site will be raised by approximately three feet. Â

"This is a wonderful day, not only for Acton Medical but also for the town of Littleton and the community served by Acton Medical," said Joseph Knox, chairman of the Littleton board of selectmen. "They have been around for 30 years and the advances they are making are tremendous. We are fortunate to see this as part of the strong sustainable growth we are experiencing in Littleton, and it fits in with our plan perfectly. It can only benefit Littleton and the community at large."

"The importance of this project can't be understated and we're proud to be able to work on our second project with Acton Medical Associates, continuing our practice of performing construction within the medical field," said Andrew Coull, president of J.M. Coull. "It's a great feeling of accomplishment to work on a project that successfully overcomes challenges while simultaneously benefiting families within the surrounding community."

In addition to J.M. Coull, the project team consists of Maugel Architects of Harvard, Mass., Places Site Consultants of Littleton, and The Dempsey Group, Structural Engineers, Foxboro, Mass.

Construction is expected to be completed by January, 2009.

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