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## Acella Construction builds T. Bear Cannabis facility

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Wareham, MA Acella Construction Corp. has completed the new T. Bear Inc.) cannabis extraction and manufacturing facility. T. Bear Inc. is a cannabis manufacturing company focused on providing premium products to retailers throughout Massachusetts and is presently awaiting receipt of its final license from the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission.

Construction on the 8,000 s/f facility, located on the Cranberry Hwy., took over 7 months. The site includes a modular cryo-ethanol extraction lab, warehouse, manufacturing facility, and two offices for TBI's product development team. An on-site staff includes two chemists, two biologists and administrative staff. A full staff of up to 20 employees is anticipated in the future.

The project consisted of a renovation to an existing building; previously the space, which occupies the entire lower level of a strip mall at 3103 Cranberry Hwy., housed a martial arts studio, had few

walls and was absent of plumbing and electrical. Through work that included installing new fire protection and fire alarm systems, new main electrical service to the building, and new electrical circuits throughout the space, as well as new HVAC and a new gas-fired generator. Acella's cannabis construction team met the challenge of creating a facility that combines numerous manufacturing elements, a laboratory, offices and an employee locker room in one aesthetically pleasing and functional structure.

The modular cryo-ethanol extraction lab manufactured by Flexmod is attached through a passage expansion that was fully built out and coordinated to connect to the 8,000 s/f building. A warehousing space was designed for deliveries, future company expansion and/or the addition of partner brands.

T. Bear Inc., founded by Angela Brown and Brian Cusick in November 2017, is a manufacturing company focused on providing premium cannabis products to licensed retailers throughout Massachusetts. With quality, integrity and consumer focus, TBI provides the safest, most dependable products on the market today, and leads the way forward through innovation, consumer insight, and constant improvement. TBI was officially approved for Provisional Licensing by the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission in November 2018.

T Bear Inc. is the first brand-centric cannabis company on the East Coast and is presently at work developing its premiere brand, Coast Cannabis Co., a line of all natural, organic products that will include chocolate bars and other confections of varying flavor profiles.

Brown and Cusick conducted an extensive search when selecting a construction manager for this important project. "Acella's process and communication throughout this venture was outstanding," said Cusick. "Acella's Cannabis Construction Team was knowledgeable, accessible and had a thorough understanding of our industry; as a result, they created a welcoming environment for our clients and our neighbors, while ensuring that all state regulations were met."

"It was a pleasure to partner with TBI on their exciting project and help construct a facility that they, their clients and the community of Wareham can take pride in," said Ryan LaVangie, vice president of sales and marketing for Acella Construction.