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## **Erland Construction receives bronze award by DBIA New England**

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Andover, MA Erland Construction was recently honored with a Bronze Award for Building Construction by the Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) New England Region, for its work on the new amenities building within the New England Business Center (NEBC) office park. The NEBC is home to some of the region's major corporations and offers a dynamic corporate setting in the Greater Boston area.

The 18,000 s/f, 2-story building features a modern café with indoor and outdoor seating and meeting areas as well as a fitness center and locker rooms. The NEBC is located at the junction of I-93 and River Rd. and is just minutes from I-495 and Rte. 128. It also offers proximity to southern New Hampshire and access from Boston.

This amenity-focused building was constructed to create a more vibrant workplace for the six companies that occupy the park. The construction of a pedestrian footbridge was incorporated into the project to ensure occupant accessibility to the new offerings. By improving the tenant experience with these exceptional amenities, Eastport Real Estate Services was able to increase NEBC's occupancy, retention, and long-term value.

"We are honored to receive a Bronze Award for our work on the NEBC amenities building. We worked closely with architectural firm ARC and the owner's project manager, Eastport Real Estate Services, to accomplish a more collaborative approach throughout the project, integrating both the design and construction processes." said Scott Bates, VP & corporate, commercial group manager. "We are proud to have our efforts recognized by the Design-Build Institute of American New England Region."

Teamwork was of the utmost importance to Erland throughout this project. During the schematic design, design development, and construction document phases, Erland held regular meetings with the owner and architect/engineer to collaborate and discuss onsite use and improvements, materials, building systems and equipment, construction feasibility, availability of labor and materials, adherence to the budget, and construction time requirements.

Through their national headquarters and 14 unique regions, DBIA provides networking opportunities for design-builders to make connections that power career and business opportunities, expand professional reach, and create a long-lasting impact. Design-build is the fastest growing and most popular method used to deliver construction projects and encourages innovation and collaboration

in projects nationwide.

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