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## Landry/French nears completion of MaineHousing's 65,000 s/f new headquarters; design by Harriman

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Before and after of 26 Edison Drive - Augusta, ME

Augusta, ME Landry/French Construction is nearing completion on a major renovation of MaineHousing's new headquarters.

Located at 26 Edison Dr., the existing two-story vacant building was purchased by MaineHousing in 2018 to accommodate their growing needs. Built in the mid-1980s for use as a data center for a financial institution, the 65,000 s/f brick building underwent extensive renovations to provide a modern, open-office environment for MaineHousing's 175 employees.

The entire building was completely gutted and updated with all new finishes, as well as new mechanical and electrical systems throughout to bring the building up to code. A new lighting control system was installed, automatically adjusting to outdoor light levels. In order to provide for the addition of an elevator, an existing 13,000 s/f section of the building was demolished. The deficient exterior building envelope was replaced with new framing, sheathing and brick, and new large windows and four skylights were added, allowing an abundance of natural light into the offices.

The renovations on the first floor included adding a new front entrance and welcoming lobby for the public; open-office workspaces, several conference rooms, interview rooms, MaineHousing boardroom, fitness/yoga room, and training room. The second floor features more open-office workspaces with demountable partitions, as well as administrative offices, group meeting rooms for collaboration, additional conference rooms, cafeteria, kitchenette, walk-out patio, and storage areas.

Landry/French provided preconstruction, planning, and construction management services. Despite the project's challenges including several unforeseen conditions, the discovery of unsuitable soils and ledge, electrical equipment that needed to be replaced, and a deficient exterior envelope, the project will be completed on schedule. The renovations were designed by Harriman.

MaineHousing will occupy their new office space in June.

Celebrating its 10-year anniversary, Landry/French is one of Maine's leading commercial building contractors providing construction management, design/build, and general contracting services. Our experience includes a diverse range of projects including education, healthcare, commercial, corporate, financial, and housing. Awards and recognition include three AGC Build Maine Awards; Best Places to Work in Maine for the past five consecutive years; and the Governor's Award for Business Excellence in 2016. In addition, Landry/French was named to the Inc. 5000's list of Fastest Growing Companies in America in 2017 and 2016. Landry/French is a 100% Employee-Owned Company.

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