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## FD Stonewater and J.B. Brown JV break ground on VA CBOC facility

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Portland, ME FD Stonewater, J.B. Brown & Sons, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently held an official groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the new VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC), located at 141 West Commercial St.

Once opened, the clinic will replace and consolidate the existing leases at the Saco and Portland CBOC locations, without disruption of care and services during the transition. The new 68,710 s/f facility will enable VA Maine to expand services to Veterans in a state-of-the-art and energy efficient facility. The new clinic will offer core healthcare services as well as additional specialty care services to Veterans and will embody the VA's Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) principles.

FD Stonewater entered into a joint venture agreement with J.B. Brown & Sons, one of the oldest

and largest commercial real estate owners in greater Portland, for development of the site. The project was awarded to the JV entity (FDS JBB Portland LLC) in the fall of 2019, with substantial project completion planned for fall 2021.

“We are honored to serve our nation’s Veterans,” said Ben Dineen, principal at FD Stonewater. These facilities are essential to ensure our Veterans have improved access to the care they deserve. We are proud to work alongside the VA team and our project partners to develop this project, especially one that will have a meaningful impact on the city of Portland and surrounding communities.”

The July 17th event attendees included representatives from VA Maine, including the executive steering committee for the project as well as the current Saco and Portland VA Clinic managers.

SmithGroup will serve as the architect of record and Landry/French Construction will serve as the general contractor. Gorrill Palmer will provide civil engineering services. NBT Bank is the lender for the project.

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