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City Point Partners wins award for MassArt Art Museum project

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Boston, MA City Point Partners, a program management firm of renovation and higher education projects, provided owner's project management services for the MassArt Art Museum (MAAM), a winner of the Construction Management Association of America, New England Chapter, Building Renovation Project of the Year award for projects greater than \$20 million.

The newly renovated building is a reconstruction of the 25,275 s/f Bakalar and Paine Galleries within the South Building at MassArt, originally constructed in 1906. The project included developing a new more prominent, visible, entrance along Huntington Ave., and grew from a building upgrade project to a larger gut renovation requiring upgrades to several major building systems including fire protection and mechanical systems to create controlled gallery environments capable of supporting museum quality shows.

The MAAM project was managed under the Massachusetts State College Building Authority (MSCBA). City Point Partners worked closely with the MSCBA providing owner's project management services advising with respect to the scope of work, cost estimates and overall project budgets, schedule overview and performance monitoring.

A project 12 years in the making, MAAM is a free non-collecting contemporary art museum open to the public, hosting temporary exhibitions of both emerging and established artists.

"[The MSCBA] was faced with the requirement to bring the whole building up to current life safety, plumbing and access code compliance," said Janet Chrisos, deputy director, Massachusetts State College Building Authority. "City Point Partners lived up to our high expectations for teamwork and added a level of level-headed discipline that was appreciated by all."

"This is a very exciting time for MassArt," said Colleen Moore, president and founder of City Point. "The college can now offer not only renovated spaces to display museum quality artwork but also classroom and workshop spaces for their students. This was a challenging project requiring us to work closely with MassArt and the MSCBA. We thank the CMAA, New England Chapter for this prestigious award."

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