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BOND Building receives Project Achievement Award for Brockton Department of Unemployment Assistance Building

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Brockton, MA BOND Building Construction, Inc. was named the recipient of the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) New England Chapter Project Achievement Award for their construction of the new Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) building. BOND Building received the award at the 2022 Mark H. Hasso Project Excellence and Scholarships Award luncheon.

This \$28.1 million project was completed in collaboration with the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) and design partner Jones Architecture. The 35,000 s/f building will achieve LEED Gold certification, and the sustainable design elements used result in a 44% reduction in energy usage over standard systems. This new building will serve to revitalize the Main St. area of the city and the community. The project team utilized cross-laminated lumber (CLT) and steel hybrid construction to effectively reduce the carbon footprint of the building systems by 33% and create a visually attractive exposed structure design. This project with the Commonwealth's first CLT building of this scale to use solely public funds.

“We are immensely honored for this recognition from the CMAA for the work we’ve done on the Brockton DUA building,” said Frank Hayes, President of BOND Building. “The teams from BOND, DCAMM, and Jones Architecture have worked tirelessly to complete a space that will add much needed services and revitalization to Main Street, and we would like to sincerely thank them and everyone else involved for their commitment to this project.”

The new building replaces a previously condemned and vacant building on Main St. and will activate an underutilized part of the downtown commercial district. Now, the brand-new three-story building will house all DUA services, including the Unemployment Insurance program, along with flexible workspaces and a call center. Prior to beginning construction, BOND Building conducted a thorough investigation of the structure and, in doing so, was able to discover that the structural integrity of a surrounding building was reliant on the existing structure. Through creative design and execution, BOND Building was able to demolish the existing building whole, thereby protecting the adjacent buildings by retrofitting the structure while demolition commenced.

The new DUA building will host a ribbon cutting ceremony later this summer before officially opening to the public

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