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## **Timberline Construction, JLL, IA Interior Architects, Avid Engineers, Greatland Properties complete BJ's Wholesale's relocation to 190,000 s/f HQ**

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Marlborough, MA BJ's Wholesale Club, a leading membership warehouse club operator, has moved into its new 190,000 s/f corporate headquarters located on Campus Dr. The move maximizes BJ's corporate space to house team members and meet with vendors and partners while implementing new technology and modern amenities to enhance productivity. Timberline Construction announced the project completion, as the BJ's headquarters team opens a new chapter in a new facility.

The overall project partners included the owner's project management group at JLL, Timberline Construction, IA Interior Architects, Avid Engineers, Greatland Properties, the property management team from Newmark and a team of top-tier subcontractors.

The five-floor headquarters, which BJ's has named its Club Support Center, was constructed from top to bottom with a floor-by-floor phased turnover. Some unique features of the space include a flexible work environment with collaboration areas and an open floor plan. This allows BJ's team members to access a variety of workspace configurations while having the ability to foster meaningful interaction while at the office. Additionally, on each upper floor, there are "Coffee Clubs" featuring design elements and trademark red racks evocative of BJ's retail location. The Coffee Clubs are located at the large, four-floor interconnecting stairs to further the chance connection and impromptu conversations across the workplace.

The main attraction of the Club Support Center is the open-air reception with a two-story branded wall, bright entryway and a test kitchen on the first floor. Specifically designed to welcome visitors and team members with a grand first impression, the space can showcase BJ's products and host internal and external gatherings, fostering interaction with vendors and team members.

"The new headquarters presented an opportunity for upgraded space and technology to best serve our growing membership while providing our team members with a modern facility to innovate and thrive in," said Dave Picot, senior vice president of real estate and property development for BJ's. "We are excited for the impact our new home will have on the future of our business."

Steady communications between the project partners throughout all phases of work were instrumental in meeting the fast-paced, nine-month construction schedule. "The success of the project was a direct result of teamwork between the design, construction and project management partners to make BJ's vision a reality," said Jennifer Donahue, project manager of JLL Boston's project & development services group. "The team successfully worked through each phased turnover, pushing the schedule forward to meet the tight project milestones and achieve the client's move-in date."

To complete the build-out the project team worked closely with the city, town officials and the fire department, who provided an additional level of safety for hot work on the interconnecting stairs. Photography credit: Bob Umenhoffer.

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