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Dacon wins DBIA Silver Award for Monogram Foods facility

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Haverhill, MA The Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) conferred on Dacon a Silver Award for Building Construction for the Monogram Foods manufacturing facility. This award recognizes leadership and construction excellence utilizing the design-build methodology.

Denis Moffett, president of DBIA New England, said, “The project, showcased during the awards banquet, highlighted numerous Design Build Done Right best practices and is a shining example of a team coming together to deliver an exceptional product for the end user. DBIA New England was proud to recognize the project team on their accomplishment, and for raising the bar for design building in the New England region.”

The key goal for this 135,000 s/f facility located in Creek Brook Park was optimizing efficiencies and production to meet consumer demand. Project challenges included pandemic-related material delays, manpower shortages, and unique thermal requirements necessitating separation design of multiple environments in one building. Monogram Foods is a leading manufacturer of value-added food products spanning 10 meat snack brands with over \$1 billion in sales. Distribution is broadly spaced across retail, convenience, club, food service, military, and drug store channels. The firm was listed for 10 consecutive years on the Inc. 5000 List of America's Fastest Growing Private Companies. This facility is dedicated to pre-assembled sandwich manufacturing and is Monogram's 4th Massachusetts location.

With each facility creation, Dacon partners with clients through its philanthropy Designed with Dignity to create a local nonprofit program. Collaboratively with Monogram Foods and investor/developer Paradigm Properties, two community programs were donated.

The programs focused on security by providing support services to move 55 families out of Emmaus shelters and creating a food sustainability partnership with Groundworks Lawrence. This facility brings over 300 jobs to the town.

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