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## **Project of the Month: DJSA Architects and Integrated Builders complete 93,000 s/f CubeSmart Self-Storage in Hingham**

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Hingham, MA With a history of successful collaborations, DJSA Architects of Raynham and Integrated Builders of Braintree have teamed up again, recently completing the CubeSmart Self-Storage facility at 73 Abington St. Designed by DJSA Architects with Integrated Builders serving as general contractor, the new ground-up 93,000 s/f, three-story CubeSmart is a state-of-the-art self-storage facility designed to meet modern demands. With 676 locker units, it offers extensive storage capacity for various residential or commercial needs. The steel-framed facility is fully climate-controlled, ensuring optimal storage conditions for a wide range of items, including sensitive articles such as electronics, documents, and antiques.

The new CubeSmart Self-Storage facility is equipped with two freight elevators, to facilitate the easy and efficient movement of material between floors, and contains a comprehensive security monitoring system. First-floor office space and an inviting light-filled public lobby are also featured.

The facility's modern façade incorporates insulated metal panels with large glass curtain wall systems that highlight the southwest and southeast corner entries of the building. The client and design and construction teams were all in agreement that the glass curtain walls should be prioritized to make the impressive structure, which is located on a hill, more visually appealing by breaking up the façade and reducing its overall scale. A new septic system, roads, parking, and landscaping complete the project. The new CubeSmart is conveniently located off of Rte. 3 and offers easy access to customers.

Adjacent to the 93,000 s/f facility is a 30,000 s/f warehouse presently under construction. The warehouse building is also designed by DJSA Architects and managed by Integrated Builders.

“We always enjoy the opportunity to work with the Integrated Builders team,” said Dennis Swart, president of DJSA Architects, noting that the CubeSmart project took one year from start to completion this May. “Having worked together on numerous projects over the past several years, we’ve built a strong foundation of trust. The exceptional communication, collaboration, and respect for everyone involved are truly appreciated.”

Jay Dacey, owner of Integrated Builders, echoed Swart’s sentiment. “We’ve collaborated with DJSA Architects on a number of projects over the years. Not only is the firm easy to work with, but their quality and attention to detail have proven to be recipes for success on any project. Their thoughtful design elements have once again elevated the end project result.”

CubeSmart is recognized as one of the largest self-storage real estate investment trusts in the United States, with self-storage facilities across the country. CubeSmart is known for its variety of storage solutions for residential and commercial customers and its client-friendly services.

The addition of the new CubeSmart in Hingham reflects an industry that is on the rise in this country, driven by a number of factors including the need for extra space due to smaller living areas, transitional reasons such as moving, renovating or downsizing, and the growth of e-commerce.

The project team includes:

DJSA Architects - Architect

Integrated Builders - Construction Manager

BARNES buildings & management group, inc. - Steel Construction

RCH Roofing Corp. - Roofing

McArdle Gannon Associates, Inc. - Geotechnical Consultant