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## Metro Walls receives several ABC excellence in construction awards

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Shown (from left) are: Dan Wintle, Metro Walls; Steve Gagnon, Metro Walls, and Carl Schulz, Metro Walls.

Manchester, NH Metro Walls, a drywall, framing, and acoustical contractor in the Northeast, was recognized at both the Associated Builders and Contractors New Hampshire/Vermont Chapter's (ABC NH/VT) Excellence in Construction Awards and the Associated Builders and Contractors Massachusetts (ABC MA) Excellence in Construction Awards. The award receptions were held on October 24th, 2024, at the DoubleTree in Manchester, NH, and November 7th, 2024, at the Four Points Sheraton in Norwood, Mass.

Metro Walls received an Excellence in Construction Award at the New Hampshire Ceremony for multiple projects including 60 Penhallow at Brick Market in Portsmouth, NH, and The Armature in Portland, ME. The 60 Penhallow project, a 97,000 s/f mixed- building, provides residents both office and retail space for the community. This complex project features an exceptional exterior facade with compound radius walls and a range of finishes, including wood, metal, and granite. The use of mass timber and cross-laminated timber (CLT) further enhances this impressive design. Once a parking lot, this site was transformed into a stunning four-story structure inspired by Portsmouth's rich maritime history, incorporating artistic timber and copper elements throughout.

A second Excellence in Construction award was received by Metro Walls for their work on the Armature in Portland, ME. Previously a surface parking lot and public works garage, this land was underused in the heart of Portland, a rapidly developing neighborhood near the water, featuring restaurants, bars, and retail shops. As more people relocated to this sought-after community, a 240,000 s/f eight-story apartment complex and retail space was built in order to support the growing neighborhood. The building is equipped with numerous amenities for residents, including a pool, courtyard, private parking, indoor and outdoor fitness spaces, a gaming room, a pet washing station, and 6,500 s/f of retail space.

"We are honored to be a part of a project that has become such a distinct landmark and destination within Portsmouth," said Steve Gagnon, senior VP and project manager of 60 Penhallow at Brick Market. "Metro Walls is proud to be recognized amongst great contractors. Congratulations to all of the other winners."

The Metro Walls team also won a Merit award from the Associated Builders and Contractors Massachusetts chapter. The award was given to the 60 Penhallow at Brick Market project.

The Excellence in Construction Awards (EIC) honors contractors for their complex, innovative, and high-quality construction projects assessed on criteria including safety, complexity, aesthetics, challenges overcome, cost, and completion time. These awards recognize all members of the construction team, and the winning projects are selected by a panel of judges made up of industry experts.

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