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J. Calnan & Associates finishes phase 1 of the ADA Forsyth Institute's 70,000 s/f facility

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Somerville, MA J. Calnan & Associates (JC&A), a leader in providing preconstruction and construction management services in the Northeast, has completed phase 1 of the ADA Forsyth Institute's (AFI) new, research and clinic facility at 100 Chestnut St. This milestone marks a significant step in delivering a space that will advance oral health research and innovation.

JC&A collaborated closely with AFI, North River Leerink (owner), JLL (owner's project manager), Gensler (architect), Buro Happold (engineers) and Redgate (development advisors) to bring this visionary project to life. The first phase of the project spans 70,000 s/f, encompassing R&D labs, treatment rooms, conference center and executive spaces. The second phase is underway to bring an additional 30,000 s/f of advanced laboratory space.

“For over a century, AFI has been a leader in oral health research and community service,” said Dr. Ben Wu, AFI COO & CSO who led the AFI team on this infrastructure program. “This state-of-the-art facility is a testament to the unwavering mission of AFI. Our blueprints were brought to life through the expertise and dedication of JC&A. We are grateful for the hard work, commitment, and attention to detail that the JC&A team brings to this project at every level. From visionary design to meticulous construction management, they found solutions to every problem and turned challenges into opportunities. The spirit of creative collaboration that brought this building to life will continue as we transform the steel, concrete, and wires into a dynamic hub where researchers, clinicians, educators, and innovators unite to push boundaries and shape the future of oral healthcare.”

JC&A’s expertise in construction management was instrumental in delivering a unique infrastructure to support AFI’s diverse research strengths in microbiology, immunology, craniofacial biology and bioengineering.

Additionally, the infrastructure meets the stringent requirements for the comprehensive clinical services provided by the ADA Forsyth Faculty Associates Dental Clinic, while anticipating the rapidly increasing computational demands of data science and artificial intelligence. AFI is excited to leverage this state-of-the-art facility to add considerable scientific expertise and testing capabilities to expand the popular ADA Seal of Acceptance program

“JC&A is honored to be a part of this transformative project that will shape the future of oral health research,” said Chet Braun, partner and project executive at JC&A. “Our team is committed to delivering exceptional construction management solutions that not only meet but exceed our clients’ expectations. We are excited to continue our work with AFI and our partners as we move forward with the next phase of this groundbreaking facility.”

With Phase 1 complete, AFI has officially began operations in its new home. The full facility is set for completion later this year, positioning AFI at the forefront of scientific innovation and patient care.

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