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## **Cutler Assoc. completes 99 unit Somerville Visiting Nurse Assn. assisted living facility**

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Cutler Assoc. celebrated the completion of the 99 unit Somerville Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) assisted living facility.

As the first assisted living facility in the country to use HUD 202 funding for construction of a senior living complex with assisted living units onsite, the VNA facility obtained funding from 18 different agencies.

With 144 prefabricated modules used in its structure, the facility, located at 405 Alewife Parkway, was completed on schedule even while facing significant constraints including a tight construction site, busy location, and restrictions on the delivery time and routes of the modules from Canada.

Cutler served as the construction manager. The \$17.97 million project was designed by Chia-Ming Sze Architects.

Sustainable design and construction was utilized in this project with the inclusion of a co-generation system, solar panels and rain water collection for sanitary water reuse.

"We greatly value the contributions of the architect, Chia-Ming Sze, and the CEO of the VNA, Linda Cornell" said Garth Johnson, principal and account executive in charge of Cutler's senior living division. "With their vision, expertise and cooperation, we completed a facility that offers senior living housing that is unique and affordable to the local community."

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