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Gilbane honored with 2 Construction Management Association of America, New England Chapter project achievement awards

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The Construction Management Association of America (CMAA), New England Chapter, honored Gilbane's Boston office with two project achievement awards.

Awards were achieved by the Salem High School and the Worcester Polytechnic Institute New Residence Hall project teams, where Gilbane served as construction manager at-risk. The Salem High School project received the 2009 Project Achievement Award in the category of renovation/modernization with a constructed value greater than \$20 million. The New Residence Hall project at Worcester Polytechnic Institute received the 2009 Project Achievement Award in the category new construction with a constructed value of less than \$50 million. The projects were chosen based on exceptional cost, schedule, quality, and overall project management.

The Salem High School project has the distinction of being first public Mass. K-12 school project delivered under construction management at-risk method. This delivery model was chosen as a means to deal with both a complex phasing schedule and safety concerns of working in an occupied school. The brick façade, roof and windows were replaced and new doors were installed. Modernization of the building's infrastructure made dramatic improvements to the efficiency of the heating, ventilation, air conditioning. Interior renovations include 85 fully-outfitted classrooms with Smartboards, five high-tech computer labs with 240 new computers, and 12 state-of-the-art science classrooms/laboratories. The project was completed on time, in seven phases designed to minimize impact of the school operations.

The New Residence Hall at Worcester Polytechnic Institute is a state-of-the-art living/learning facility that contains modern four-person apartments that include all of the amenities of independent living. The air-conditioned building also includes recreation and fitness facilities, technology suites on each floor, wireless access, and a 198-vehicle parking garage located directly behind the hall. The truly unique aspect of this building is its green roof. The green roof demonstrates the university's commitment to sustainability, and it will also help with WPI's ongoing academic research of stormwater quality and quantity. The green roof is just one of many environmentally friendly facets that lead the new Residence Hall toward becoming LEED certified by the U.S. Green Building Council.

"We were fortunate to work with great owners, architects/engineers and trade contractors on these projects. These awards are recognition of the outstanding teamwork and dedication of the entire project teams to rise above challenges and deliver successful projects," said Ryan Hutchins, Gilbane Massachusetts district manager.

Recently named to FORTUNE Magazine's 100 Best Companies in America to Work For, Gilbane is

a full-service construction and real estate development company comprised of Gilbane Building Company and Gilbane Development Company. The company is one of the nation's largest construction and program managers providing a full slate of facilities-related services for clients in the educational, healthcare, life sciences, mission-critical, corporate, sports and recreation, criminal justice and aviation markets.

Gilbane's Boston office currently employs over 150 employees who deliver a full range of preconstruction, construction and program management services to public, commercial, and institutional clients in the Commonwealth. Gilbane's Massachusetts district has managed construction projects for many respected organizations including Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Tufts University, Fidelity Investments, Verizon, Bank of America, Genzyme, the Boston Red Sox, the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management, Massport, and many municipalities. The district office was also named one of the Best Places to Work in Mass. by the Boston Business Journal in 2007 and 2008.

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