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Gilbane handles construction mgmt. services for \$31 million Tufts University Regional Biosafety Lab

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Gilbane recently completed construction of the \$31-million New England Regional Biosafety Laboratory (NE-RBL) at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. The NE-RBL is one of 13 level-3 and level-2 regional biosafety laboratories to be constructed in strategic locations around the U.S. by the National Institutes of Health. These RBLs, in conjunction with two National Biosafety Laboratories, form the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases' network of external laboratories, are intended to be in the first line of defense for identifying and tracking emerging infectious diseases while developing vaccines, cures, and therapeutics for use in biodefense and global efforts to combat health epidemics.

The 41,000 s/f RBL includes BSL-2 and BSL-3 laboratory suites. In addition to laboratory suites, the facility also features an ABSL-3 vivarium, aerobiology suite, and insectary. Designed by Flad & Associates of Madison, Wisc., the facility has four levels, including one floor of laboratory and administrative space. The remainder of the laboratory is a network of mechanical space, designed to keep its workers and the surroundings safe from the small quantities of infectious agents studied there.

Commissioned by the National Institutes of Health, the highly complex and technical facility will allow researchers to examine infectious diseases and pursue the development of new diagnostic tools, therapies, and vaccines for infectious diseases in a safe, secure, regulatory-compliant environment. The New England Regional Biosafety Laboratory will also serve as a regional resource for researchers who require access to Biosafety Level-2 and 3 and Select Agent facilities.

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