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## DEVELOPMENTS

### **Margulies & Assoc. Recognized in Contest**

Margulies & Assoc., a Boston-based architectural and interior design firm, recently received a commended designation in the 2007 Sustainable Leadership Awards for Design and Development.

The firm was awarded the honor for its design of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts' LEED-certified Member Services Center in Quincy.

Sponsored by the American Institute of Architects, the International Interior Design Association and CoreNet Global, the award honors sustainable design by design/client teams whose buildings integrate sustainability practices with design excellence, while meeting the organization's objectives for the project.

The 345,000-square-foot building, which houses Blue Cross' Member Services Center, did not originally meet the company's standards for supportive workspace design or environmental considerations that contribute to a healthy and comfortable work setting.

To accommodate the needs of more than 1,500 employees, the building's new floor plan included replacing building systems, renovating and redesigning the existing full-service kitchen and cafeteria, reconstructing a 1,350-space parking garage, developing an on-site child care center and leaving space for a recycling program. The result is one of the largest Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)-certified renovations in the area, according to Margulies.