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Massachusetts Firm Honored for Accessibility

Margulies & Associates, an architectural and interior design firm based in Boston, received an Accessible Design Award in the public architecture category for its work at the Quincy, MA, facility of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (BCBSMA). Co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board (AAB) and the Boston Society of Architects (BSA), the Accessible Design Awards Program recognizes excellence in the design of buildings or facilities that are accessible for persons of all abilities.

BCBSMA arranged a focus group of employ-

ees with disabilities and the design team to talk about the everyday challenges that individuals with disabilities have to face. The design of BCBSMA's facility included ramps and sloping walkways to create an updated lobby that reflects an inviting and accessible entrance to the public office building.



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