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Margulies Designs New Nuvera HQ

Boston, MA - Margulies & Associates announced the completion of a new 110,000 sf world headquarters for alternative energy company Nuvera Fuel Cells in Billerica.

The project included renovations of a former light manufacturing facility to create more than 50,000 square feet of manufacturing space, 25 state-of-the-art research and development labs, and expanded office space to house a projected increase in staff.

The move comes in support of Nuvera's increase in production, training and customer service in anticipation of its commercial release of three products in 2008. Nuvera is a global leader in the development and advancement of multi-fuel processing and fuel cell technology committed to providing clean, safe and efficient power solutions.

While the new building is divided between traditional office space and laboratory/light manufacturing, Margulies & Associates was careful to avoid isolating



Interior views of the new Nuvera facilities

either group. To allow employees to connect spontaneously, the café and mailroom were centrally located.

Additionally, the design includes a central hallway that connects each area of the building. Starting at the executive area and traveling through the space and into the large open workstation space, the hallway begins as a curved red wall and transitions into a curved ceiling element with red accents in the open space.

Branching off of this central hallway, a tour path leads clients and visitors past the manufacturing space, which features large windows that allow clients to see into the space without interrupting manufacturing processes. The windows also allow natural light to penetrate the deep space, while multiple layers of shading distribute the light into the space and reduce the glare.

Erland Construction was the general contractor for this project; RDK Engineers provided the mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineering; and the fire code specialist was Rolf Jensen Associates.

