

Margulies Perruzzi Architects Wins IIDA New England Award

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Margulies Perruzzi Architects' work on the corporate headquarters for Nuvera Fuel Cells has been honored with an interior design award in the office category (50,000-80,000 square feet) from the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) of New England.

The development of Nuvera Fuel Cells' new corporate headquarters in Billerica was part of a strategy to increase collaboration and productivity, as well as address a growing need for additional lab space, the firm said. Prior to relocating, the alternative energy technology company was located in Cambridge, where more than 100 employees were spread throughout three buildings.



The new headquarters includes 40,000 square feet of office space, a 20,000-square-foot laboratory, a 15,000-square-foot training center, a café, a shipping/receiving area, a mechanical room, a lobby/museum and common areas. Phase two, which includes 20,000 square feet of manufacturing space, will bring the project total to 110,000 square feet.

"We were impressed with the design team at Margulies Perruzzi Architects. We selected them based on their experience designing research & design, and manufacturing facilities as well as corporate headquarters projects," said Jeff Cook, manager of facilities and laboratory operations at Nuvera Fuel Cells. "We are at the forefront of alternative energy development and required more than the typical lab space. Margulies Perruzzi Architects did an excellent job designing our facility around our unique requirements."

Daniel Madru, senior associate and project manager, and Dorie Weintraub, lead interior designer, led the Margulies Perruzzi Architects team. 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 Assoc.