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City of Boston B-2 Police Station

Owner: City of Boston
Architect: Leers Weinzapfel
Contractor: J&J Construction

Years ago, the site of the former Modern Electroplating plant in Roxbury was considered one of the most contaminated parcels of land in the state. Today, it is the site of a modern police station that, with a little help from RDK Engineers, is a far cry from the “dungeon” officers used to occupy.

RDK provided LEED commissioning services for the \$15 million, 34,500 SF New Boston District B-2 Police station in Dudley Square, which celebrated its official ribbon cutting on July 30. The facility is on track to receive LEED-Silver certification from the United States Green Building Council. This would make it the first public-safety building in the city to receive such recognition. The energy efficient building includes a number of windows to take advantage of daylighting, reduced water use, and Boston’s first “vegetated” roof.

Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, City Council Member Tito Jackson, the police officers who will work in the building, and members of the community were all in attendance. “Community” and “commitment” were the key words echoed during the ceremony, with many speakers reflecting on the important role the new station will play and how it represented the first step towards the future. During his opening remarks, Deputy Superintendent Randall Halstead commented that the station will be a place where partnerships are made with the local community. Mayor Menino praised the building as a true community effort and called it a symbol of Dudley Square’s transformation.

Congratulations to the RDK team for their work on a facility that will have an important effect on the community in more ways than one.

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