Genzyme Corporation Biologics Support Center

Framingham, Massachusetts

Owner

Genzyme, A Sanofi Company

Architect

ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge

Contractor

Gilbane

Completion Date 2011

Construction Cost \$125 million

Total Area 186,000 sf

LEED Certification Level NC Gold

Services ProvidedLEED Consulting
Energy Modeling



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Genzyme Corporation created a master plan for its Framingham corporate campus expansion. The campus serves as an early-stage research facility using technology in proteins, antibodies, cell therapy and gene therapy to work on cures for diseases, cancers and heart disease. The addition is an administrative and laboratory building accommodating space for approximately 550 employees. Fore Solutions, acquired by Thornton Tomasetti in 2012, was the LEED consultant to ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge.

The new building's green technologies and designs are part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Labs21 program. The laboratory facility employs innovative techniques such as re-using HVAC condensate for irrigation and using chilled beams for cooling. Ventilation systems in the labs are monitored to reduce the air changes per hour when the space is unoccupied. The design maximizes the use of natural light to reduce energy cost. The center is designed to use 43 percent less water and 28 percent less energy than a standard code compliant building.