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## PROJECT TEAM INCLUDES KAPLAN CONST., RSE AND GMI StudioMLA Architects honored for Brookline Teen Center project

**BROOKLINE, MA** StudioMLA Architects was recognized with a Small Firm Design Award at the 2014 BSA Design Awards Gala for its Brookline Teen Center (BTC) project.

The BTC is an adaptive reuse success story and an example of meaningful design collaboration between the architects and the project's end users: the teenagers. Described by teens as "straight up awesome" and "better than being at home", the design aimed to capture the fleeting notion of what teens consider "cool". The design strategy can be summarized as striving to maintain the edgy "garage-ness" of the space, incorporating a blend of existing and new materials, while creating light, lofty, open spaces that leave ample room for post-construction teen expression. The Brookline Teen Center, soon to



receive LEED certification, features a café that hosts frequent open mike nights, a gymnasium, fitness center, state of the art recording studio, and two lanes of candle pin bowling.

The project team included Kaplan Construction, project managers Barbara Stein and Kathleen Scanlon, RSE Engineering, and consulting architects GMI Inc.

## PROJECT TEAM INCLUDES MAJESTIC CONST. AND AHA CONSULT. Margulies Perruzzi Archts. designs 52,000 s/f office for Intralinks

**WALTHAM, MA** Margulies Perruzzi Architects (MPA), has completed the interior architectural design of a new 52,000 s/f office for Intralinks, a global software company providing content management and collaboration solutions for businesses. Intralinks' new class A office is located at 404 Wyman St. in the Hobbs Brook Office Park owned by Hobbs Brook Management.

Majestic Construction was the construction manager for the project. AHA Consulting Engineers provided mechanical, electrical, and plumbing engineering, and Fox RPM Corp. provided project management services. Creative Office Pavilion provided furniture, and Sunne Savage Gallery provided artwork.

Making the move to consolidate offices in the Boston area, Intralinks sought a more efficient and branded work environment for its growing area workforce. MPA conducted several test fits to compare building efficiencies before providing programming and design services for the location. The single-floor space at 404 Wyman St. provides a variety of work environments including offices, workstations, team, huddle, and phone rooms. True to the principles of Agile design, MPA's space plan offers maximum flexibility in infrastructure, furniture, and technology



that allows for reconfiguration to suit the collaborative nature of software development.

Using key design elements of Agile space solutions based on Agile software development methodologies,

spacious and innovative agile team rooms were designed to promote close, daily collaboration with enhanced technology access for teams for the duration of their projects.

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