

Stalco Construction completes \$1.8 million project for the Miller Place Union Free School District

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Stalco Construction, Inc., a New York City and Islandia-based general contracting and construction management firm, completed the new, 8,150 s/f Miller Place Administration Building for the Miller Place Union Free School District. The \$1.8 million project was completed 30 days ahead of schedule. Stalco Construction Inc. is currently ranked as the 75th largest contractor in the nation by Building Design & Construction magazine. ENR New York magazine ranks Stalco as the 22nd largest contractor in the NY/NJ/CT Tri-state area.

In addition to Stalco, which served as general contractor, the project team included architect Michael J. Guido Jr. Architect P.C., construction manager Savin Engineers, P.C., and MEP engineer Capano and Parker Engineers, P.C. The new building is located at 7 Memorial Dr.

Completion of the new administration building allows the district to relocate several departments previously housed in a rented office space. The new structure will reduce the district's real estate costs over the long term and provide a custom designed space conceived around the specific needs of the district's staff. The facility will house the superintendent's and district business offices as well as personnel, special education, instruction and IT departments.

The free-standing, one-story building features a spread footing foundation with a grade concrete slab, a hybrid steel and wood structural system, and a steel roof support structure for a single gable roof with front-facing intersecting gables. The structure is 120 feet long and 66 feet wide. Due to the sloping of the site, Stalco erected a three-foot-high, 200-foot-long decorative block retaining wall for leveling purposes. Additional site work included the installation of an oil tank for the heating system as well as landscaping and the adjacent, 90-space parking lot for employees and visitors. The building's parking doubles as an overflow parking site for visitors during large events taking place at the nearby high school.

Stalco principal and CFO Kevin Harney said, "The construction site is located within close proximity to the Miller Place High School. Stalco undertook extensive measures to ensure the safety of the students and staff during construction activities, while minimizing the impact of the work on the high school's daily operations."

Michael Guido Jr., principal of Michael J. Guido Jr. Architect, outlined his firm's design approach: "During the design phase, we took into consideration the limited budget available to the school district as well as the residential character of the area. The building's exterior reflects the prevalent residential architecture of the neighboring properties. The design team selected a hybrid structural system because it was the most economical option for this size of a building."

The building's exterior was designed to blend in with the residential neighborhood. The architectural team selected an earth tone, insulated and impact resistant vinyl siding and high-efficiency, double hung operable Anderson windows with ornamental vinyl grills, blue shutters, crown moldings and

decorative trim. Two decorative, composite material columns and an overhang roof accentuate the main entrance. The roof material is architectural asphalt shingle.

"The new structure features a high number of environmentally responsible materials and systems," said Stalco superintendent James Wharry. "The building's lighting system utilizes exclusively low power use LED fixtures, both for the interior and the exterior - an innovative solution that's not only environmentally sound, but also cost effective. In addition, the building's envelope features insulated siding and Low-E windows that both reduce energy use."

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