



## **Suffolk hires Whalen as VP of operations in New York**

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New York, NY Suffolk has hired Joseph Whalen to serve as vice president of operations of its New York office. In his new role, Whalen will spearhead execution of Suffolk's growth plan by focusing on increasing its healthcare and life sciences footprint to diversify its client base within the region

Whalen joins Suffolk with over 21 years of experience within the New York metropolitan construction industry, and after more than 15 years at LendLease, where he served as senior vice president and operations director. In this role, Whalen was responsible for supervising and coordinating all aspects of the construction process to complete high-quality work on time and within budget. His wealth of industry experience also includes new construction and heavy renovations, affordable housing, education, senior living facilities, and high-profile private sectors.

"We remain committed and focused on continuing to solidify our presence in the New York region," said Charlie Avolio, president and general manager of Suffolk New York. "An important part of that strategy is to penetrate newer markets, introduce our innovative approach to new clients, and diversify our portfolio by expanding into resilient sectors such as healthcare and life sciences. Joseph's vast technical knowledge and deep industry relationships in these key sectors will be essential to helping us achieve our ambitious goals for New York and beyond."

Whalen is a member of the American Society of Healthcare Engineering (ASHE) and is a LEED Accredited Professional. He earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Albany and achieved a Certificate of Construction Management from New York University.

Suffolk's hiring of Whalen in New York demonstrates the organization's strong momentum, significant gains in market share, and promising future in New York. Suffolk's New York operation is responsible for highly visible building construction projects including "The Quay" at Brooklyn Bridge Park, 14th @ Irving, Summit NYC at 222 East 44th St., multiple projects for New York University, and Hudson Exchange West in Jersey City, among other notable projects.

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