

## Two Projects Receive Building New Hampshire Awards

*Lavallee Brensinger Architects Recognized for Sustainable, High-Performance Building Design*

Manchester, NH – Lavallee Brensinger Architects, the region's leading full service planning and design firm, was a recipient of the prestigious 2011 Building New Hampshire Award for two projects. The announcement was made yesterday at an awards breakfast held at the Residence Inn/Portsmouth Harbor Events & Conference Center.

Lavallee Brensinger Architects was selected in recognition of its work to build energy-efficient, high-performance commercial and educational buildings. The winning entries were the Pondsides III Residence Hall at Keene State College, and Primex Office Building in Concord, NH. Both LEED® Silver certified buildings, they were designed and built to minimize their carbon footprint and impact on the environment.

"We're honored to be named a 2011 Building New Hampshire Award winner," said Chris Drobot, Principal of Lavallee Brensinger Architects. "With a strong sense of responsibility, these projects were completed using sustainable building design, construction and materials."

On both projects, components that support sustainable practices are evident in site planning, landscaping, space planning, electrical and HVAC systems, as well as materials and finishes selections. In Pondsides III, all Energy Star appliances were used. A hot water heat recovery system uses an innovative plumbing design to capture waste water heat to preheat the fresh hot water supply. High efficiency, low-flow fixtures were installed on all showers, sinks, and dual flush toilets. Native plant species were used to eliminate the need for irrigation systems, and the building was sited to minimize its impact on campus green space.

On the Primex Office Building, a uniquely designed air-barrier exterior envelope system provides exceptional thermal efficiency. High-performance, efficient mechanical and electrical systems were designed to improve occupant comfort and energy usage. These synergistic design technologies have reduced energy consumption by 50%.

Lavallee Brensinger Architects has earned a reputation for design excellence, including creating some of the most innovative, energy-efficient buildings and renovation projects in the Granite State. Through this commitment, the firm is making New Hampshire a more sustainable place in which to live, work and play.



Pondsides III Residence Hall



Primex Office Building