



Facelift for Bedford Veterans Administration hospital complete

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The New England District and its contractor recently completed a much needed facelift to Building #2 at the Veterans Administration hospital, also known as The Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital, in Bedford, Mass.

“The façade rehabilitation work of the most deteriorated locations of Building #2 included miscellaneous cast stone repairs of baluster, cornice, banding, cartoushe, and front entry way to include dowels and anchors as necessary to complete the work,” said New England District Project Manager Jennifer Flanagan. “Work also included 100 percent repointing and cleaning of the brick and cast stone at specified facades of Building #2, proper removal and disposal of hazardous materials; and removal of PCB-contaminated masonry substrate.”

According to Flanagan, incidental work included installing a bird fence, sealants and flashing as required. Some of the buildings located at the hospital were built as early as the 1920’s. Atlantic Defense Constructors, LLC from Westbrook, Maine, was awarded the contract and given the Notice to Proceed on Nov. 15, 2011. The majority of the masonry work, which totaled about \$780,000 with user-requested changes, was completed at the end of December 2012. The New England District is currently renovating Wards 78F and 78G for an inpatient psychiatric ward and renovating Ward 2C for a hospice ward.

The team members who joined Flanagan on this project were Jim Doucakis, Debbie Acone and Nick Skianes. “The team did a wonderful job working with a new small, disadvantaged business, coordinating with the VA team, especially for the front entry work, and complying with EPA on remediating hazardous materials,” said Flanagan.