

Diversified Project Management Completes Oversight of Phonon's Addition / Renovation Project

HARTFORD, Conn.—Diversified Project Management (DPM), one of New England's premier Owner's Representative / Construction Project Management firms providing Programming, Construction Administration, FF&E Coordination and Move Planning Services, announced that it has recently completed the 17,500 square foot addition for Phonon Corporation in Simsbury, CT.

Phonon, a designer and manufacturer of Surface Acoustic Wave devices, hired DPM to provide owner's representation services to manage and oversee the planning, design, construction, FF&E coordination and staff relocation efforts for a 17,500 square foot expansion at 90 Wolcott Road. The addition's proximity to the Simsbury Airport and Flying Club added to the complexity and constraints of the project as it made the site very tight for the staging activities of the contractor.

In addition to the expansion, DPM also provided Phonon with detailed planning and coordination for other tasks, including the conversions from propane to natural gas, septic system to public sewer, upgrades to the electrical transformer that services the location, the retrofitting of the existing building with a new Fire Protection System which is tied into the new building's sprinkler system, the changing of the data and phone infrastructure to a VOIP system and the replacement of all the existing roofs.

The new addition serves as office space, while the existing building was renovated to expand lab and manufacturing space. An additional 2,500 square foot, second story addition was added to the existing building for more new labs while the existing 2,500 square foot first floor area was retrofitted for a second new lab and an existing second floor clean room lab was expanded by 500 square feet.

Mark DuPre', DPM Project Executive, remarked that, "Building the proper team was critical to the success of this project; the GC had to be flexible and work with all the team members whether the subs were under the GC contract or that of the owners. We were also very pleased with the favorable bidding environment which allowed Phonon to undertake several extra projects that were scheduled to happen at a much later date". This project started construction in May 2009 and was completed in July 2010.