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Meridian Design Build Completes Auto Truck Build to Suit

Meridian Design Build recently completed construction of a 103,585 square foot build-to-suit facility for Auto Truck Group on a 16.26-acre site within Brewster Creek Business Park in Bartlett, IL. Serving as the company's corporate headquarters, the new building includes 12,600 square feet of office space and a 5,700 square foot vehicle showroom.

Auto Truck has specialized in the up-fitting of work trucks with customized bodies, cranes, lifts and other equipment for utility companies, railroads, municipalities, private contractors, and others since 1918 and is relocating their operation from an existing facility on Ellis Avenue in Bensenville.

The new facility includes a significant amount of secured outside vehicle storage and an 85,000 square foot shop area with sufficient work bays to accommodate up to 48 trucks. Specialized electrical and ventilation systems were incorporated into the design of the building to accommodate welding stations, overhead cranes, paint booths, wash booths and metal fabrication operations.

Meridian Design Build worked closely with Auto Truck over the course of the project to help them achieve their goal of constructing a cost-effective and environmentally responsible building. As a result of these efforts, a significant number of sustainable design features such as skylights, clerestory plant windows, low-E glass, and energy efficient fluorescent T-5 high bay lighting fixtures with motion sensor controls were incorporated into the project. Crushed concrete and asphalt millings left on-site by the prior owner of the parcel were incorporated into the parking lots as granular base. Additionally, more than 30,000 tons of locally sourced, recycled concrete were utilized in lieu of mined limestone aggregates on the project.

Abbott Land and Investment Corporation acted as developer for the project. The design team included Ware Malcomb (architect), Jacob and Hefner Associates P.C. (civil engineer), and Gary R. Weber Associates (landscape architect.) Ben Runkel, Associate Project Manager, and Fred Jennings, General Superintendent, coordinated the project for Meridian Design Build.

Meridian Design Build offers full-service design/build and general contracting services to the industrial, office and commercial markets. Meridian offers a full range of construction services, including all phases of construction planning and management, from conceptual design and budgeting through project completion. More information on Meridian Design Build can be found at www.meridiandb.com.