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Maguire-Designed McGuire AFB Theater Renovation Project Receives Air Mobility Command 2011 Design Excellence Award

Foxborough, MA – Maguire Group is pleased to announce that its renovation project for the McGuire Air Force Base (AFB) Theater Building 2909 was selected as a recipient of the Headquarters Air Mobility Command 2011 Award for Design Excellence.

Maguire Group has provided services to the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in New Jersey as part of on-call contracts, and the award-winning theater design is an example of the varied and challenging work these bases require. Work began on the decaying theater in late 2008 and wrapped up this past year.

The goal for this \$2.1-million renovation project was to create a welcoming, thermally efficient, and comfortable theater environment fully accessible to disabled users. Maguire utilized creative design and engineering to achieve this goal. For example, Maguire introduced new façade materials, a sloped roof, a vestibule entrance, and lighting to enhance the building’s architectural image on the McGuire campus. Enhanced architectural interiors were also incorporated by replacing interior finishes, updating theater seating, and utilizing acoustic panels and lighting to create a clean and comfortable environment and provide new color and texture variations. Fabric walls with cherry wood wainscot bases, concession cabinets, and a refinished stage complete the interior renovations. To achieve maximum accessibility, Maguire reorganized auditorium seating and the aisles to provide a 1:12 sloped route and handicap seating throughout the theater. Accessible toilets and dressing rooms were also part of the design.

Another achievement was improving the thermal efficiency of the theater. To accomplish this, Maguire faced concrete masonry unit (CMU) façades with rigid wall insulation and added roof insulation, thermally efficient fenestrations, and mechanical/electrical and plumbing upgrades. Exterior renovations include new walkways, ramps, underground drainage, a standing-seam metal roof, and parking.

In congratulating his team for their great work and results, Maguire Vice President Thomas Cousineau praised their efforts and said, “We are thrilled to be recognized with this award. Maguire Group is proud to help McGuire with these kinds of base improvements that contribute to a better quality of life for the service members and their families.”

About Maguire Group Inc.

Maguire Group was founded in Providence, Rhode Island over 70 years ago as a small civil engineering firm. Today, Maguire is a full-service, nationally recognized architectural, engineering, planning, and construction management organization. Throughout its history, Maguire has played an important role in the planning, design and construction of the infrastructure used in our daily life for thousands of clients—from tiny towns to Fortune 500 companies—across the country and around the world. That role continues today as part of the Metric Engineering Group.



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