

Radius Innovation

The Watch Factory, 221 Crescent St., Waltham, Mass.
4,040 SF

Vantage Builders recently completed the expansion of Radius Innovation & Developments corporate headquarters at the Watch Factory, 221 Crescent Street in Waltham, Mass. Vantage was hired for the 4,040-square-foot project by building ownership, Berkeley Investments Inc. Radius, a global innovation and development consultancy firm specializing in the healthcare, consumer, commercial equipment, and packaging industries, needed to increase its space to keep up with increased demand for its expertise. Following designs by LaFreniere Architects, Vantage Builders expanded Radius footprint in the building, keeping construction noise to a minimum so as to not disrupt the very active work environment. The new space includes an assembly area, workshop, and test lab where Radius team members craft product models and functional prototypes. They also perform small scale builds and verification testing for clients through sculpting and forming, machining, thermo-forming, additive manufacturing, and a variety of other techniques. An Observation Room and Usability Lab provides a space to conduct market research and observe clients testing and using new products. The room features a one-way mirror and high-end audio/visual equipment. Efficient lighting installed throughout helps create a bright atmosphere. Carpeting was installed in the common areas and conference room, while VCT (vinyl composition tile) was placed in the workshops. Vantage renovated the kitchen area with new counters, fixtures, and paint. The new floor plan required a rework of electrical, plumbing, and HVAC systems, including the addition of an exhaust fan with ductwork up to the second-floor roof. Compressed air lines were installed from the utility room to 13

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