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## Facilities Development News

### Margulies Wins Lighting Design Award

Boston, MA - Margulies & Associates, one of Boston's largest architectural and interior design firms, announced that the firm's design for Carat Fusion's new offices in Boston's landmark Hancock Tower has been recognized by the New England Section of the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America, the recognized technical authority on illumination.

As a worldwide interactive agency, Carat was enthusiastic about working with Margulies & Associates on the design of its new 25,000 sf office space.

Complementing the Hancock Tower's legendary transparency, the office space takes full advantage of the building's abundant natural light and striking views. The design of the high-energy space is inspired by Carat's logo, a spinning, multi-colored sphere that represents the dynamism of the firm's interactive work.

The dynamic lighting design begins in the lobby, where a system of energy-efficient LED nodes shine through the custom-perforated ceiling. The lights are programmed to change color and pattern and can be changed with the touch of a button. Upon entering the office, staff and visitors are welcomed at a custom glass reception desk, which is lined with mini-fluorescents that create a floating effect. Nearby, hand-blown glass spheres hang as a pendant light from a circular ceiling opening to ground a seating area.

The conference room features an acoustical wall with recessed lighting, which echoes the "floating" design of the reception desk. A circular ceiling cut-out and surrounding can lights reflect Carat's logo design. The break room features decorative circular pendants with glass diffusers highlighting a suspended bar. Throughout the space, most lights can be easily maintained.



*Interior view of award winning office.*