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Modular Second Story Addition Completed in Under Two Weeks

A rigid deadline and a tight building location posed challenges for modular builder Lacewood Group Inc. Capitalizing on Epoch's panelized and modular capabilities, project completed in under 2 weeks

PEMBROKE, NH. May 15, 2009 –When the Counseling Center of Nashua needed seven new offices for their growing practice, the only place to expand from the tight city location was up. Adding a second floor to the building was not the real challenge though. The expansion needed to be done very quickly, meet Nashua's downtown historical criteria, and needed to be done without disrupting business. The window of opportunity was weekends, plus one week when doctors take their vacation time in August. Can a roof be torn off and over 1000 square feet of office space in a busy downtown environment be built keeping business operations open in that incredible time frame?

Larry Cotter president of the Lacewood Group, Inc. of Moultonborough NH and Epoch Homes of Pembroke, NH partnered to make it all happen. Using a combination of modules and panels fabricated at the Epoch factory and experienced Lacewood employees and subcontractors, Larry had seven new office at the counseling center finished in time for the doctor's return from a one week vacation without a hitch or loss of important counseling operations.

“Not only did we complete the offices on time”, said Cotter, “but the added benefit was the lack of disruption to surrounding businesses and traffic at the 1 Main St. address. Using Epoch's quality built modules and panels for light commercial work like this saves my clients time and money, and reduces my dependence on subcontractors.”

Larry had the two weekends prior to the modules being delivered to prep the site, which included tearing off the roof of the existing structure. “We had to accomplish (the roof demolition) on weekends because the counseling center needed to remain open for business during the week, without the noise and disruption of construction crews”, Cotter states. “Epoch set the modules the following Saturday, and then I brought my crews in to do the tie-ins and button ups so they could be ready for business when the doctors returned from vacation.” “Epoch is known for building quality high end residential construction” John Ela, CEO of Epoch Homes, said.

“Recently we built three high end homes on Governors Island on Lake Winnepesaukee for which we received national attention. Many builders do not realize that light commercial and multi-family can also be done with the modular building system, as well as additions like this.” Ela added “Epoch just finished building the dorms for the Montserrat College in Beverly, Massachusetts, which were also in a dense urban area. The dorms were a unique combination of four buildings, as high as four stories, connected by a site built glass atrium”.

In 2009, Epoch Homes celebrates its 26th year of innovation and providing quality custom homes to discerning home owners. Epoch became the first modular home manufacturer in the nation to be certified under the Modular Green Approved program now offered by the NAHB Research Center, and one of the first to offer homes designed to meet the LEED for Homes Platinum level, supports Energy Star and LEED for Homes certification, and sells through a growing network of Builders.

About Epoch Homes:

Epoch Homes, of Pembroke, NH, is the leading manufacturer of fully custom designed modular homes, cottages, and mansions. For 27 years, Epoch Homes has sold to a growing network of quality builders serving New England, NY and NJ, and has built some of the Greenest homes in the country. The Green approved factory supports LEED, The National Green Building Standard ICC-700 and Energy Star certification programs. Epoch Homes has won numerous awards for its custom designs and Green Building. For more information on Green Building, to visit our online Design Center, and to see hundreds of Epoch Homes, please visit our web site at www.EpochHomes.com. Visit an upcoming open house and factory tour.

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