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North Branch Construction Begins Production Avenue Renovation for Monadnock Economic Development Corporation

(Keene, NH) North Branch Construction of Concord has recently begun the renovation of a 104,000 square foot manufacturing facility located at 25 Production Avenue in Keene, NH for the Monadnock Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). The project will convert space previously occupied by medical equipment supplier Smiths Medical into a manufacturing facility for pre-fabricated homebuilder Unity Homes, a subsidiary of Bensonwood Woodworking Company of Walpole, NH. Bensonwood and Unity Homes develop affordable, high-performance, and low-energy timber frame, hybrid, and panelized homes utilizing off-site construction and on-site assembly.

Funding for the development of the facility is made possible in part by a \$300,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) subgranted to the MEDC, who will lease the property to Unity Homes. Originally founded in 1985 as the Keene Industrial Development Corporation (KIDC), the MEDC's mission is "to lead the region in the enhancement of its industrial and business base to improve the standard of living, quality of life, and economic vitality of our communities".

Construction is expected to be completed by late summer. The architect for this project is Catlin + Petrovick Architects located in Keene, NH.

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Photo Captions:

1. 25 Production Avenue Exterior Shot
2. 25 Production Avenue Interior Demolition Shot

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If you'd like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with Project Manager James Schwartzkopf, please call Katie Lopes at 603.224.3233 or e-mail Katie at klopes@northbranch.net.