

With client's needs in mind, Speedwell creates winning facility



Built by Speedwell Construction, the modern and bright 73,000 square foot new facility for PDQ Headquarters, was the Silver winner of the American Buildings Company 2019 Excellence in Design program.

An Authorized Builder with ABC, Speedwell Construction of Manheim, PA, is a family owned business celebrating over 25 years specializing in commercial or industrial construction, including preconstruction, general construction, design build, and construction management.

Located in Lancaster, PA, the winning building was created for PDQ Industries Inc., an independent, family-owned manufacturer of American-made, architectural commercial grade mortise locks, cylindrical locks, deadbolts, hinges, door closers, exit devices, flat goods, and cloud-hosted access controlling. This building now serves as their world headquarters and manufacturing facility.







With construction starting in January of 2017 and completion in November of the same year, this entire building was designed with future addition in mind. "The clients wishes came first — the elevator tower, open staircases, ceiling clouds, and open office design," said Sheldon Myer of Speedwell. Furthermore, the design and layout of the warehouse and the employee breakroom were on the forefront of Speedwell's considerations.



Chosen for being a cost-effective building system, the new facility

utilized ABC's products with a custom pre-engineered metal building system, including the second-floor steel framing for the office space. The building includes large windows bringing natural light deep into the building, allowing for a bright and welcoming modern workspace. The building boasts two floors of office and administration space and 48,000 sf of manufacturing and warehousing space.



In addition to a cost-effective solution, selecting an ABC preengineered building for this project was due to the helpful assistance during the conceptual design process. The partnership between Speedwell and ABC representative Tom McAuliffee proved successful.

"He provided us assistance through various designs and effectively managed the final design and order phase," explained Myer. In addition to several aesthetically interesting and natural wall materials, the building also features ABC's Architectural III wall panels and Standing Seam 360 roof.

