

BOSTON CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTER

Boston, Massachusetts, USA

RAFAEL VIÑOLY ARCHITECTS



Described by Boston Globe architecture critic Robert Campbell as “the best of its kind in the country,” the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC) is unusual in that, unlike typical “black box” convention centers with limited natural lighting, the main exhibition hall features a light-infused space with soaring overhead volumes. The 610-meter-long (2,000-foot-long) building,

designed by Rafael Viñoly Architects in a joint venture with HNTB Architecture, has a long, metallic, double-curved roof soars over Summer Street to the north and slopes gradually to a scale more appropriate to the residences to the south. Symmetrically located along either side of the main hall, lower three-story blocks house 84 meeting rooms, pre-function spaces, and food service facilities.

April 2016

FACTS + FIGURES

Completion

2004

Buildings Magazine, “New Construction Awards 2005, Specialty Spaces: World Renowned,” October 2005

Size

157,940 gsm

Awards

Performance, Merit of Honor, Build New England Award, Associated General Contractors, 2005
Merit Award, Innovative Design and Excellence in Architecture Using Structural Steel (I.D.E.A.S.) Award in the \$100M and above category, American Institute of Steel Construction, 2005
Interior Design Award, 32nd Annual Interior Design Competition, International Interior Design Association, 2005

Media Coverage

Interior Design Magazine, “HNTB/Rafael Viñoly Architects,” May 2005

Client

Massachusetts Convention Center Authority

Consultants

Joint Venture Partner
HNTB Corporation

MEP Engineer

Affiliated Engineers, Inc. (AEI)
McCleskey Consulting, Inc.
Vanderweil Engineers

Structural Engineer

LeMessurier Consultants

Civil Engineer

HNTB Corporation
Rizzo Associates

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