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## PROJECT TEAM INCLUDES CAPCO CRANE AND HOIST, AND ANCTIL PLUMBING & HEATING D.F. Pray completes construction of 42,000 s/f manufacturing facility for American Dryer



FALL RIVER, MA D.F. Pray General Contractors has completed construction of the new \$3 million, 42,000 s/f manufacturing facility for American Dryer, one of the world's leading producers of commercial dryers.

According to Scott Pray, president, "We were very pleased to be awarded this project. American Dryer has an international reputation as a builder of commercial dryers and providers of support for customers in over ninety countries. We are honored to have completed work for such a reputable manufacturer."

William Starck, president of Starck Architects in Fall River, said, "American Dryer is a major player in commercial dryer industry. We were very pleased to work with them on their expansion."

The decision to expand the manufacturing at American Dryer was driven by powerful business growth. According to American Dryer president, Dennis Slutsky, "We are currently producing 30,000 units annually to customers on every continent." Its customers include some of the largest hotel chains, nursing homes, and hospitals. They manufacture commercial dryers ranging in capacity from 20 lbs. to 700 lbs. As one of the largest employers in the area, the Fall River facility employs 350 workers who provide coverage twenty-four hours a day, three hundred and sixty-five days a year.

Ronald Laprise, Jr., D.F. Pray vice president, said, "Because we were building an addition to the existing facility there was no disruption in manufacturing throughout the duration of the project. In addition to the 42,000 s/f space, we built an additional 8,000 s/f mezzanine office space within the confines of the new addition without impacting the American Dryer's aggressive production schedule." The project took nine months to complete.

D.F. Pray is a full service contractor with offices in Seekonk, Newton, and Fall River, Mass., and North Haven, Conn. Services include pre-construction and planning; general contracting; construction management; and design/build. Industry specialties include commercial/industrial; public/institutional; assisted living/healthcare; retail; and tenant fit-out and renovations.



### American Dryer manufacturing facility project team

General Contractor	D.F. Pray General Contractors
Crane Design/Fabrication/Installation	Capco Crane & Hoist
Plumbing/Heating	Anctil Plumbing & Heating
Architect	William J. Starck Architects
Engineer	ODEH Sturctural Engineers, Inc.
Electrical Engineer	Letendre Consultants