In August 2011, the AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges) finalized the purchase of land at Mount Vernon Triangle, bordered by New York Avenue and Sixth, Seventh, and K Streets, Northwest. A groundbreaking ceremony held in June 2012 marked the beginning of the building project to construct a new headquarters for the association, which is centrally located in Washington, D.C., and in close proximity to Capitol Hill, the Washington Convention Center, and several public transportation hubs. The AAMC moved into the new building in May 2014.

Unifying Our Staff
The new headquarters at 655 K St. NW brings the AAMC’s more than 600 staff under one roof, accommodating expansion needs and modernizing the AAMC’s daily work environment and conferencing capabilities. The building features an open-space floor plan intended to foster an environment of communication and collaboration. It also serves as a “destination learning center” for the leaders from the nation’s medical schools and teaching hospitals.

Revitalizing a Neighborhood
Totaling nearly 290,000 square feet of office, conference, and retail space, the new AAMC headquarters represents one of the most significant redevelopment investments in the long-underserved Mount Vernon Triangle neighborhood.

As a major employer serving more than 600 employees and thousands of constituents nationwide, the AAMC’s presence—and patronage of local businesses and establishments—will stimulate the economic revitalization of the community.

Innovative Design
Sustainable design strategies have been employed in all aspects of the project to generate a low projected energy usage, and an estimated 75 percent of the building’s roof area is covered with extensive green roofing. The site includes several existing structures that have been incorporated into the design, exemplifying the masonry construction of commercial development from the 1900s. The buildings have been renovated and their facades restored, providing a piece of the historic streetscape from that era.

About the Building
- The building features a two-story learning center and conferencing facility, as well as a main office tower with ergonomic workstations and private offices for the AAMC’s 600+ employees
- Collaboration spaces in the office tower include six social hubs, more than 60 conference rooms, as well as a rooftop café intended for daily use and staff and constituent functions
- This building has been designed to achieve a LEED Gold certification in the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating system
- Additional features include a recording studio, yoga room, and a members lounge
- A number of companies have been involved in this project, including: JM Zell Partners, LTD (project manager); Hines Interests (development manager); Shalom Baranes Associates, PC (architect); STUDIOS architecture DC, PC (interior architectural design); Clark Construction Group, LLC (general contractor); Arent Fox (legal counsel); Goulston & Storrs (zoning counsel); Raymond James (financial advisor); and Bank of America/Bank of America Merrill Lynch (financing and underwriting).

The AAMC is a not-for-profit association representing all 141 accredited U.S. and 17 accredited Canadian medical schools; nearly 400 major teaching hospitals and health systems, including 51 Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers; and nearly 90 academic and scientific societies. Through these institutions and organizations, the AAMC represents 128,000 faculty members, 83,000 medical students, and 110,000 resident physicians. For more information, visit www.aamc.org.