

# Meridian Design Build completes food facility expansion

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Meridian Design Build has completed an 84,000-square-foot facility expansion for Kerry Ingredients & Flavours at 3141 W. North Avenue in Melrose Park, Ill.

The scope of the design build redevelopment project included demolition of an outdated 100,000-square-foot two-story masonry, timber, and cast in place concrete structure.

Improvements within the new addition included insulated metal wall and ceiling panels, mechanical and lighting systems, and sanitation stations designed to meet AIB standards. A pressure controlled, demised spice warehouse was also constructed within the expansion to accommodate storage of raw materials utilized for production in this and other Kerry facilities throughout the Midwest.

Initially, renovations were planned within the existing building to accommodate a new process line, with the majority of the addition intended to serve as warehouse space.

Exterior improvements included onsite detention, five truck docks, silo pads, and a material unloading area with security initiatives including card readers, security cameras, fencing and motor operated sliding gates.

Ben Runkel, project manager and Tom McNett, senior superintendent coordinated the project for Meridian Design Build. Harris Architects provided architectural and structural engineering services for the project. Jacob and Hefner Associates acted as Civil Engineer.

