Maiuri Electric Shines in Electrical Construction of Envoy Hotel


BOSTON, MA – Maiuri Electric, based in North Andover, MA, has completed comprehensive electrical construction of the new Envoy Hotel, at 70 Sleeper Street in the Seaport District. Overlooking Fort Point Channel and Rowes Wharf, and with sweeping views of the Boston skyline, the gleaming six-story, 88,000 square-foot, 136-room Envoy Hotel, complete with its rooftop Lookout Bar and function area, opened in May.

Maiuri’s multifaceted scope entailed installation of the hotel’s primary power system, bringing a 1600A - 480/277V electrical service to the building, as well as installing the facility’s 250KW rooftop emergency generator. For life safety, the Envoy is equipped with a new, addressable Simplex Grinnell fire alarm system. The boutique hotel’s custom interior lighting package is controlled via an advanced Lutron Dimming System in the lobby and also on the rooftop deck bar and restaurant. The NECA contractor also installed exterior lighting, including facade lighting and City of Boston lighting poles. In addition, an emergency phone/egress system in elevator lobbies, were installed by Maiuri.

Maiuri’s electrical crew, comprised of ten IBEW Local 103 electricians, was headed by Project Manager Thomas Buckley and Foreman John Downing.

The Envoy’s extremely tight 20,000 square-foot site, which serves as the gateway to Seaport Square, presented significant logistical challenges adeptly met by Maiuri and the entire construction team. Located across from the Moakley Federal Courthouse, the project faced ongoing road closures which impacted daily material deliveries, and despite these challenges the NECA Boston contractor completed construction of the 18-month project as scheduled, in May 2015. Maiuri was an integral member of general contractor Lee Kennedy Company’s team, employing LEAN construction practices to ensure the cost-effective, quality construction and project delivery. “The Lee Kennedy project team, headed by Sr. PM Dan Lebiedz and PM Marc Buchan, provided a great, cooperative working environment, which was critical to Maiuri Electric’s ability to meet the many logistical challenges and was key to the project’s success,” said PM Buckley.

Maiuri Electric also provided fit-out of the hotel’s new ground level 4,000 square-foot restaurant, Outlook Kitchen + Bar, which opened September 15th. The Envoy Hotel is a Marriott Signature Series property.

McDonald Electrical’s MEC Power Group Completes Twin Rivers Technologies 1.8MW Cogen Plant

QUINCY, MA – MEC Power Group, the high-voltage/utility division of McDonald Electrical Corp., based in Hingham, has installed a new 1.8MW combined heat and power cogeneration plant at the Twin Rivers Technologies facility in Quincy, MA. The NECA contractor’s project scope comprised installing new medium voltage switchgear, low voltage controls and instrumentation, and Fire Alarm to support and distribute power from the new cogeneration plant. MEC Power Group’s Director Chris Lombardi and PM Scott Fallon managed a field crew of 15 IBEW Local 103 electricians in the fast-track, 4-month project, which was completed in November. The MEC team is also providing commissioning of the new cogen facility. Twin Rivers Technologies is one of the largest oleochemical producers in North America.

John A. Penney Co. Lights Faneuil Hall's Holiday Celebration, Blink!

NECA Boston contractor, John A. Penney, Co., of Cambridge, and its crew of Local 103 electricians provided the state-of-the-art lighting and installations for Faneuil Hall’s annual holiday light and sound spectacular, Blink! More than 350,000 LED lights dance seamlessly with the holiday music of the Boston Pops. The annual Holiday Tree lighting, held on November 21 and broadcast on WBZ TV, was again proudly co-sponsored by NECA Boston and IBEW Local 103.
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