J&M Brown completes Market Central (formerly Mass + Main) Phase One Electrical Construction in Cambridge, MA

Phase Two Residential Tower completion on schedule for late Jan. 2020; Spectrum IT Providing Tel/Data & Security; Architect: CBT Architects, Boston, MA; GC: John Moriarty & Associates, Winchester, MA; EE: Cosentini Associates, Boston, MA; Owner: Watermark Central / Twining Properties

The development’s first building houses 60 residential units and includes ground floor retail and residential entry on the first level. It connects to a rebuilt 4-story building, the Apollo Building, which also features ground floor retail and has residential units on the second and third floors. Market Central’s owner, Watermark Central/ Twining Properties took occupancy of the building in August. JMB is also nearing completion of the comprehensive core and shell electrical construction of the project’s second phase centerpiece, a 19-story residential tower with two levels of below-grade parking, 18 residential levels with 225 residential units, and a mechanical penthouse. The first ten (10) floors of the tower will be completed in December with turnover at that time to Watermark Central/Twining Properties. The final phase of the Market Central residential tower is on schedule for completion in late January 2020 with opening anticipated in February.

In total, the 308,000-square-foot Market Central development will feature 308 apartments and 17,000 square-feet of retail. The complex will include a club house, fitness center, green roof, terrace, electric vehicle charging stations, and bike parking. The project is being built to LEED Gold sustainability standards.

J&M Brown project manager Michael Booker and the firm’s Wayne Lucas are heading the contractor’s electrical project team. Spectrum IT’s project is being supervised by PM Randy Silva (tel/data); PM Terry Kilduff (security); and PM Mike Anderson (AV). At peak construction in the two-plus year project, J&M Brown has managed a crew ranging upwards of 45 IBEW Local 103 electricians and technicians.

SAFETY NEWS

New Requirements for Mobile Elevated Work Platforms (MEWP’s) Go into Effect

Starting December 10, employers, owners and operators are required to comply with ANSI’s new A92 standards for mobile elevated work platforms.


The soon to be released, NECA Guide to Aerial Lifts Index #5031-20), is a jobsite guide designed to assist members in complying with ANSI MEWP equipment and training requirements. Available in the NECA Store at necanet.org in January 2020.

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BOSTON, MA – On November 14, Local 103 Business Manager Lou Antonellis addressed more than 100 NECA contractor members at the Boston Chapter Meeting at the Seaport Hotel, discussing the vibrant state of Boston’s union electrical industry and the unwavering partnership between Local 103 and NECA Boston Chapter. Just a few of the topics included:

• The continued white hot construction market and influx of new projects throughout the city – the Seaport, Congress Street, North Station, Suffolk Downs, Winthrop Square, Fenway Center, South Station Tower, Back Bay Air Rights Project, Green Line Extension, Massport, Echelon and Omni Hotel in the Seaport.
• Apprenticeship training and the largest, most diverse Greater Boston JATC apprenticeship class in history;
• The union industry’s Construction Wireman program;
• Commitment to community outreach through Mass Girls in the Trades, Helmets to Hardhats, the Holiday Toy Drive and many others.

NECA Boston proudly recognized NECA’s Wentworth Institute scholarship recipients at the November Chapter Meeting. The Wentworth scholarship program is funded through NECA’s annual golf outing.

NECA Wentworth Scholars Recognized

NECA Boston and Local 103 donate to Helmets to Hardhats

BOSTON, MA – On November 7th, NECA Boston Chapter Executive Manager Glenn Kingsbury joined with Helmets to Hardhats National Director Darrell Roberts, Mass Building Trades President Frank Callahan, and IBEW Local 103 Business Agent Jay Frazer at the State House. NECA Boston and Local 103 each proudly donated $5000 to Helmets to Hardhats to help support veterans as they return to civilian life and the workforce.

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