E.S. Boulos Company Nears Completion of New Global Headquarters of WEX in Portland, ME

NECA contractor teams with Architects: Archetype Architects, Portland, ME and SMRT, Portland, ME; GC: Cianbro Corporation, Pittsfield, ME; EE: SMRT, Portland, ME

The MEP aspects of the project were handled in a collaborative design-build effort between E.S. Boulos, general contractor Cianbro Corporation, mechanical contractor Johnson & Jordan, engineering/architect SMRT and architectural firm Archetype PA. ESB project manager Steven Saucier and project superintendent Matt Lavois supervised the project with a field crew of 14 IBEW Local 567 electricians at peak construction. The fast-track project commenced in January 2018 and reached substantial completion by the end of January 2019. WEX has started taking occupancy and will begin moving more than 400 employees from its South Portland facility into its new headquarters by the end of February.

The aggressive schedule was a demanding aspect of the project, and PM Saucier commented: “ESB implemented a thorough 3D BIM coordination process with all MEP trades, which helped alleviate potential field coordination issues and streamline construction.” He added, “Prefabrication of electrical equipment and coordinated material deliveries with vendors, which minimized unecessary handling of materials, were also key factors in meeting the owner’s move-in schedule.”

E.S. Boulos Company, Northern New England’s oldest and largest electrical contracting firm, has full-service commercial, industrial, utility, telecommunications, and service divisions. The company’s portfolio spans the healthcare, educational, utility and renewable energy sectors and includes facilities for Maine General Medical Center, Eastern Maine Medical Center, Portland International Jetport, Casco Bay Ferry Terminal, Memorial Bridge, University of Maine, Oxford Casino, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, and many others, as well as numerous substations and power plants throughout New England.

LAN-TEL’s Mobile Action Command Unit (MACU) Deployed at New England Patriot’s Victory Parade

BOSTON, MA – LAN-TEL Communications’ Mobile Action Command Unit was deployed at the New England Patriots’ Victory Parade on February 2nd to assist the City of Boston with security and surveillance measures. The state-of-the-art MACU, which also provided surveillance at the Red Sox parade last October and the Boston Marathon, is increasingly being utilized to provide security support for Boston and surrounding communities.

“We are pleased to have assisted the New England Patriots, the City of Boston, and all public safety personnel, in helping Patriot fans safely celebrate the Super Bowl victory,” said Joe Bodio, CEO of LAN-TEL Communications. “We believe we are the only private company in the Commonwealth to offer a mobile command unit to assist municipalities and private companies with large-scale events. Studies show that surveillance at events is of paramount importance to help ensure safety, and our capabilities offer highly advanced security technology.”

LAN-TEL Communications, based in Norwood, is a prominent low-voltage contractor for the City of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The company is the security system provider for the Metro Boston Homeland Security Region (MBHSR) and other Greater Boston-area municipalities, having provided hundreds of wireless video security system installations throughout the region and integrating them into respective area headquarters.
Amps Electric, Inc. Joins NECA Boston Chapter

WEST NEWTON, MA – NECA Boston Chapter proudly welcomes Amps Electric, Inc., a Waltham, Massachusetts-based full-service electrical construction company, to the Chapter. Founded in 1991 by company president John Bianchi, Amps’ primary focus is utility-grade solar (PV) systems, as well as large-scale commercial electrical construction. The contractor has completed more than 25MW of renewable energy projects in New England since 2016, including most recently, a 4MW solar power plant in Kennebunkport, ME. The newest NECA Boston member also provides electrical services for tenant fit-up, multi-unit residential, traffic signal, and streetlight retrofit projects, as well as electrical transmission and distribution projects. Among its current high-profile commercial projects, Amps is underway with the ArcLight Cinema complex project at Hub on Causeway at North Station. In the solar market, Amps has recently completed a 6.5MW solar plant in Warwick, and 3.5MW plant in Johnston, RI, as well as commercial-grade solar plants in Hudson, Chicopee, and Carver, MA.

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The National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) is the voice of the $130 billion electrical construction industry responsible for bringing electrical power, lighting, and communications to buildings and communities across the United States. Representing more than 80 electrical and telecom contractors in Eastern Massachusetts, Maine, and New Hampshire, our Association is dedicated to promoting the highest construction standards through education, management training, skilled workforce training, and labor relations. NECA electrical contractors provide a comprehensive range of electrical services for diverse projects, large and small. Working in partnership with the union electrical industries in Massachusetts, Maine, and New Hampshire (IBEW Local Unions 103 in Boston, 490 in Concord, NH, 1253 in Augusta, ME, and 567 in Lewiston, ME), the NECA Boston Chapter and its contractors have an unwavering commitment to bring the highest levels of experience, quality, reliability, and safety to each construction project.

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