Lynnwell Associates Completes New Dana-Farber Merrimack Valley Outpatient Facility in Methuen, MA

NECA Contractor teams with Architect: Smithgroup, Boston, MA; GC: Consigli, Boston, MA; EE: E31, Boston, MA

METHUEN, MA – Lynnwell Associates, based in Quincy, Massachusetts, has completed the complex and multifaceted electrical, tel-data and security installations at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute’s (DFCI) Merrimack Valley outpatient facility, located at 5 Branch Street in Methuen, MA. The new DFCI facility, which opened on January 29th, offers adult patients expanded cancer and blood disorder care with Dana-Farber’s world-leading cancer treatment and support services.

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Due to the abbreviated timeline, much of the electrical fit-out was performed in mid-summer and the facility’s glass facade created an intense heat condition inside the building. To ensure all electricians and other tradespeople were able to safely perform construction tasks without working in oppressive heat, portable air-conditioning units were installed throughout the facility’s work areas.

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Lynnwell’s PM Falzone added, “It required a massive team effort among all the trades. Lynnwell Associates is proud to have been involved in such an important project for Dana-Farber and the city of Methuen, as well as the residents of Merrimack Valley.”

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PROJECT NEWS

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Concentric security protection approach

LAN-TEL’s layered security design solution for both the cannabis cultivation and medical marijuana facilities features a concentric circle of protection approach. In the Revolutionary Clinics 5,000 square-foot interior facility, security is employed at the exterior of the facility.

LAN-TEL has engineered and built all security systems on a single, integrated platform, which interfaces with a state-of-the-art security station to monitor all security systems. A private security firm maintains the system, and two alarm companies are utilized for redundancy in external central station alarm monitoring. The Cambridge and Fitchburg police departments have access to exterior facility security.

The NECA Boston contractor also provided IT solutions for both the cultivation and medical/retail facilities, including internet, a robust “seed to sale” IT network, and low-voltage structured cabling for LED lighting.

LAN-TEL’s services also encompassed assistance in the owner’s regulatory approval process - with local planning boards, the State Cannabis Control Commission, the State Department of Health and neighborhood abutter communities.

LAN-TEL Director of Security and New Business Development John Grennon, Project Manager and Director of IT MIke French and Project Manager Sean Lewis (Security) headed the project team managing a crew of IBEW Local 103 technicians at both the Fitchburg cultivation facility and the Cambridge medical/retail facility.

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About NECA Greater Boston Chapter

NECA electrical contractors provide a comprehensive range of electrical and tel-data 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 Lewis- ton, 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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Revolutionary Growers cultivation facility, Fitchburg

Revolutionary Clinics, Mass Ave., Cambridge

Revolutionary Clinics, 5,000 square-foot medical facility in Cambridge, the highest security areas, including the vault, are safeguarded with access control, motion detection, intrusion detection and security cameras. The Revolutionary Clinics facility has 100 percent camera coverage on every square inch of the facility, including in the vault and at POS terminals. Access control and motion control security are employed at the exterior of the facility.

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LAN-TEL Communications 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.