Aldon Electric Completes Revitalization of Northeastern University’s William E. Carter Playground

NECA contractor teams with Architect: Stantec, Boston, MA; GC: Bond Brothers, Medford, MA; EE: RDK, Andover, MA

BOSTON, MA – Aldon Electric, Inc., headquartered in Weymouth, MA, has completed electrical construction of Northeastern University’s renovated, state-of-the-art William E. Carter Playground, a public-private partnership project located on Columbus Avenue in Boston. The Carter Playground redevelopment, a collaboration between Northeastern and the City of Boston, is comprised of the modernization of two football/soccer/baseball/lacrosse fields, five tennis courts, and recreational equipment for Northeastern students and the city’s youth. Northeastern has committed $26 million to the construction of the park and $86 million dollars to its maintenance over the next 30 years. Aldon Electric provided complete power and lighting installations for the project’s redevelopment, teaming with general contractor Bond Brothers. The extensive lighting scope consisted of installing Musco sports pole lights, City of Boston street lighting, and lighting control systems. Street lights can be controlled both from City of Boston and NEU/Carter Park lighting control cabinets. The first phase of the project – the renovated tennis courts and athletic fields – opened last September when Northeastern hosted a ribbon-cutting with Mayor Martin J. Walsh to officially celebrate the Park’s reopening. Phase two, which included construction of the dome with its interior sports field, was completed in January. In the second phase, the NECA Boston contractor provided power and fire alarm system installations for the facility’s air structure, as well as the dome’s lighting, and tel/data conduit infrastructure. A 150kW standby generator was installed to ensure the air structure and its equipment maintain power during a power outage. The dome covers one of the sports field during the winter and opened in late January to both city residents and Northeastern students. The dome is primarily being used by Northeastern students who participate in club and intramural sports.

Among the project’s unique and demanding requirements, the Aldon Electric project team, headed by Project Manager John Michael and Foreman Mike Fernandes, closely coordinated with MBTA personnel in the installation of the Musco Pole bases and lights, which are within the MBTA’s right of way. The sports lights were hoisted by crane and work was performed without disruption to the MBTA’s public transportation and to the public.

Aldon Electric managed a field crew of six IBEW Local 103 electricians in the multi-phase 18-month project.

NECA Boston / Local 103 Trust Funds’ Healthy Status

NECA Boston Trust Funds, Michael Joyce, Investment Consultant and Senior VP, Segal Marco Advisors, and Hal Tepfer, Fund Actuary and Senior VP, CBIZ Retirement Services. With approximately $2.6 billion in assets funded by 220 employers, the NECA Boston/Local 103 pension fund status is solidly in the Green Zone, and among the healthiest plans in the industry.

At the NECA Boston Chapter March 7th meeting, more than 70 Chapter members attended a presentation on the healthy state of the IBEW Local 103/NECA Boston Trust Funds - Pension, Deferred Income and Health Plans. Presenters included Michael Donovan, Administrator of Local 103/NECA Boston Trust Funds - Pension, Deferred Income and Health Plans.

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Gaston Electrical’s Nina Radzim moderates AGC’s “Leading Women in Construction” Panel Discussion

BOSTON – February 27 – (From left) Nina Radzim, Human Resources Director at Gaston Electrical moderated an AGC panel discussion of women in leadership roles in Greater Boston’s construction industry, including Marianne Monte – Chief People Officer at Shamut Design & Construction, Kristin Protas – VP, Sr. Legal Counsel at Gilbane, Lauren Larson – Sr. VP, HR Organizational Development at Commodore Builders, and Jennifer Pinck – Founder and President at Pinck & Co. The panelists shared their personal experiences, best practices, challenges, successes, the evolution of the industry, as well as their views on what the future will bring for women in construction. The event was held at event partner Pierce Atwood LLP, 100 Summer Street in Boston.

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NECA Boston Honored – 75th Anniversary as NECA Chapter Member

At their meeting on March 7th, NECA Boston Chapter was honored for celebrating its 75th year of the association’s partnership with the National Electrical Contractors Association. Joe Kellams, Executive Director of NECA’s Eastern Region joined Ben Nest, NECA Eastern Region Field Representative in presenting Chapter President Michael McDonald and Executive Manager Glenn Kingsbury with a special plaque commemorating the milestone.

The Electrical Contractors Association of Greater Boston history goes back more than 100 years. The Association was chartered as the Boston Chapter of NECA on February 14, 1944 and is among the oldest NECA chapters in the U.S.

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