PROJECT NEWS

McDonald Electrical Shines in Historic Renovation of Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston, MA

NECA Boston contractor teams with GC: Suffolk Construction, Boston, MA; Architect: Elkus Manfredi, Boston, MA; EE: WSP, Boston, MA; Owner: Archdiocese of Boston

BOSTON, MA – McDonald Electrical Corp. (MEC), headquartered in Hingham, MA, has completed the comprehensive electrical and lighting renovation of the historic Cathedral of the Holy Cross, located at 1400 Washington Street in Boston.

The project was integral to the restoration of the Cathedral’s entire edifice, which was lead by John Fish, Chairman of Suffolk Construction and David Manfredi, Founding Principal of Elkus Manfredi Architects. McDonald Electrical’s project scope entailed the highly-detailed retrofit/installation of the Cathedral’s lighting to LED light fixtures, as well as its lighting control system. MEC Project Manager Brian Goode and Foreman Mike Norton managed a crew of eight IBEW Local 103 journeyman and apprentice electricians and four telecom technicians in the historic renovation. The project commenced in March 2018 was completed as scheduled in early April this year.

The Cathedral of the Holy Cross was built approximately 150 years ago. Designed by renowned church architect Patrick Keely, construction on the Gothic Revival style church began in 1866 and the Cathedral was dedicated in 1875.

STUDENT CHAPTER EVENTS

NECA Boston’s Wentworth Student Chapter Tours SullyMac Offices

On March 26th, the next generation of construction industry professionals were provided a walkthrough of Sullivan & McLaughlin’s headquarters facility in Boston as well as the company’s operations, by President John McLaughlin and Electrical Division Manager Shaun Mellett. Members of NECA Boston’s Wentworth Student Chapter learned more about the estimating, project planning and design phases (BIM/CADD and Prefabrication) of the business through project management and the construction process. Sullivan & McLaughlin Companies is one of the largest electrical contractors in New England and the NECA Boston Chapter member firm has been actively involved as an advisor to Wentworth Student Chapter’s NECA’s Green Energy Challenge projects over the past several years.

SAFETY TRAINING NEWS

NECA Boston conducts Safety Workshop: NFPA Standards and OSHA Update

On March 22, NECA Boston Chapter’s Safety Workshop was held at the JATC of Greater Boston, focused on the use and arrangement of the NFPA 70E-2018 Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace. The program was attended by 29 NECA Boston safety directors, electrical foreman, and project managers. Significant revisions in the 2018 edition of NFPA 70E were discussed, as well as electrical hazards, guidelines to energized vs. de-energized work and decision-making. Topics also included understanding and applying effective lockout/tag-out procedures, selection and application of appropriate PPE, and the supervisor’s responsibility for jobsite safety. The workshop also included an OSHA update.

Program instructors were Michael Johnson, NECA Executive Director of Standards and Safety; Jim Dillard, Safety Coordinator for Philadelphia Electrical JATC; and Peter Barletta, OSHA Compliance Assistance Specialist in Massachusetts.
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