NECA Greater Boston Chapter – COVID-19 RESPONSE

The health, safety and well-being of all NECA Boston Chapter members, our construction crews, our office staff, and the communities in which we serve and live are our most important considerations during the COVID-19 crisis. As NECA Boston responds to the ever-changing circumstances related to the coronavirus crisis, we will take all steps necessary to reduce pressure on our healthcare professionals and our local communities, while at the same time, to ensure that our region’s critical facilities and infrastructure that serve the public remain operational.

As the leading voice of the electrical construction industry in the nation, NECA has taken a leading, proactive role to keep our contractors and workers informed of all government-mandated policies and advisories relating to COVID-19, as well as to ensure the most stringent safety practices are employed in the workplace and on construction sites as conditions warrant.

The Boston Chapter continues to work with Local 103, Local 490, Local 567, and Local 1253; the Mayors’ and Governors’ offices; the building trades; and our contractor association partners to determine guidelines that would allow these sites to safely reopen in Greater Boston and statewide in MA, NH, and ME.

LAN-TEL Communications Supporting Mass. COVID-19 Public Health Initiatives with Elevated Body Temperature (EBT) Thermal Imaging Screening

NECA contractor providing FDA-approved cameras for EBT screening

LAN-TEL’s thermal imaging cameras have ideal application in diverse high-traffic facilities, including hospitals, COVID-19 testing sites, skilled nursing facilities, construction sites, airports, public and municipal facilities, educational facilities, prisons and correctional facilities, MBTA transportation systems, and office buildings.

For further information, contact LAN-TEL Communications: CRITICALRESPONSE@LANTEL.com or (781) 551-8599.

LAN-TEL Provides Critical Tel/Data Support at BCEC and MGH/Partners HealthCare during Coronavirus Crisis

BOSTON, MA - In the emergent, fast-track conversion of Boston Convention & Exhibition Center into a temporary 1,000-bed field hospital for COVID-19 patient care, LAN-TEL Communications has installed the facility’s phones to the network allowing for internal communications. The project also entailed LAN-TEL’s verification of the telecom system to the network for functionality. Care for patients at the BCEC field hospital, now known as Boston Hope Hospital, began Friday, April 10.

The BCEC project was planned and is managed by the Baker-Polito Administration in collaboration with the City of Boston and community health care partners to help alleviate the surge in COVID-19 patients on the state’s health care system and area hospitals. The site will provide 500 beds for Boston’s homeless population and 500 beds for non-critical, recovering coronavirus patients. Partners Health Care will lead the clinical efforts at the BCEC in collaboration with Boston Healthcare for the Homeless.

LAN-TEL also worked on other emergent telecom projects at MGH, including a joint effort with Sullivan & McLaughlin Companies (SullyMac) in the wiring for telecommunications in a COVID-19 screening area in the ambulance bay at Mass General. SullyMac provided installation of pathways for the telecom system.

On March 24, LAN-TEL was called upon to maintain communications to Mass General after multiple manhole cover explosions on Cambridge Street disrupted telecom service to the hospital. The contractor assisted in providing a redundant backbone to ensure MGH connectivity within the Partners HealthCare network.

Concurrently, the NECA contractor is providing emergency low-voltage work for Mass Eye and Ear, which is also in the Partners HealthCare network.

The LAN-TEL project team was headed by Project Manager Jeff Carr, Operations and Safety Officer Steve Bocuzzi, with General Foreman John Phelan managing a crew of IBEW Local 103 technicians.

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NECA and IBEW – Reliably Powering Critical Facilities and Infrastructure in Greater Boston and Eastern New England

Throughout the COVID-19 crisis, NECA Greater Boston contractors and our teams of skilled union electricians and technicians from IBEW Locals 103, 490, 567, and 1253 are responding by providing essential electrical and telecom services – ensuring our region’s critical facilities remain fully operational with the heroic support that our front lines of healthcare workers, law enforcement, and public safety professionals provide to our communities.

Please stay safe and follow CDC and all city, state, regional, and national guidelines. Together we will get through this and continue to build a bright future.