Gaston Electrical Near Completion with Electrical Construction of Brandeis University's New Residence Hall

NECA Contractor teams with Architect: William Rawn Associates, Boston, MA; CM: Bond, Medford, MA

Installation of the facility's primary and emergency power systems, fire alarm system with a Bi-Directional Amplifier (BDA) System for emergency response, a rooftop PV/solar array, and electrical installations for the building's chiller plant.

Designed and constructed to achieve LEED Gold certification, the new hall will be the most energy-efficient and sustainable building on the Brandeis campus. The solar array will provide partial power to the building and also help with peak campus power demand management. The building's geo-thermal heating and cooling system will enhance its energy-efficiency footprint.

The 164-bed residence hall will feature new common spaces for student performances or gatherings, a large kitchen, study spaces, four lounges, and an outdoor courtyard.

William Rawn Associates, of Boston, is the project architect, and Gaston Electrical is working on a project team headed by general contractor/constructor management Bond, of Medford. Gaston Electrical's project manager Brian Demore and foreman John Pemberton are heading the project team with a field crew ranging upwards of 20 IBEW Local 103 electricians at peak construction.

The NECA Boston contractor commenced work on the project in June 2017 and the residence hall is scheduled to be open prior to the Fall 2018 semester in September.

NECA Boston June Chapter Meeting – Focus on Empowering Leadership through Education & Training

Featured Speaker: JATC Greater Boston Training Director, Chris Sherlock

He was accompanied at the meeting by Assistant Training Director Jay DeMello, recently appointed Assistant Training Director, Chris Antonelli, and by fellow instructors and colleagues at JATC Greater Boston.

NECA Boston/Wentworth Student Chapter's Green Energy Challenge Project

The NECA Boston/Wentworth Student Chapter team also presented their 2018 Green Energy Challenge project entry into the national NECA award program – the modernization and electrical-efficiency upgrades for the 112 Southampton Street Shelter in Boston, comprised of a comprehensive LED lighting retrofit, rooftop PV/solar system, as well as HVAC control system upgrades. Several NECA Boston Chapter member companies were recognized by the Wentworth team for their contributions to the project, including J.M. Electrical Company – energy-efficiency analysis; Sullivan & McLaughlin Companies – lighting retrofit; Mass Electric Construction – rooftop solar system; and McDonald Electrical Corp. – Estimate, Schedule and NECA E-CAP Finance Plan. Gilbane Building Company was also recognized for their leadership in the effort.

NECA Boston’s Robust Educational Programs

Featured

NECA Boston Chapter Board of Directors member Brian Murphy, of A Murphy, Inc., based in Hanover, MA, who serves as the Chair of the Education Committee presented an overview of the wide-ranging educational programs offered by NECA Boston in 2018, including BIM, Foreman Training, Advanced Estimating, and Best Practices.

Special Recognition Awards to Stalker Electric and Greg Sapochetti

Ben Nest, Field Representative, Eastern Region for NECA, presented Will Stalker and Greg Sapochetti with a Honorary NECA 25-Year Membership Award. Stalker was accompanied by his son and company vice president, Shawn Stalker.

Greg Sapochetti, recently retired vice president of J.F. White, and longtime member of the NECA Boston Board of Directors, was recognized for his industry contributions with a Honorary NECA Member Award.

Nest also presented NECA Boston Chapter President, Michael McDonald, of McDonald Electrical Corp., and Glenn Kingsbury, Executive Manager of NECA Boston, with a NECA Mission, Vision, and Core Values plaque focused on an unwavering commitment to excellence and leadership while “Empowering Lives and Communities.”

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