2019 NECA Boston / IBEW Local 103 / JATC Greater Boston Apprenticeship Class the Largest, Most Diverse in History

409 First-year Electrical and Telecom Apprentices Accepted into Union Training Programs; Nearly 50% are Women, Minorities, and Veterans

DORCHESTER, MA – NECA Boston Chapter and IBEW Local 103 are proud to report that the 2019 first-year Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (JATC) of Greater Boston apprenticeship class is the largest, most diverse in the program’s history. The incoming class is comprised of 409 apprentices and includes 362 men, 47 women, 155 minorities and 30 U.S. military veterans. The apprentices started their in-depth training on September 9th.

“NECA Boston, IBEW Local 103, and the JATC are proud to be at the forefront of electrical training and we are very enthusiastic to have an incoming apprenticeship class that has an influx of bright young men and women from diverse backgrounds who are committed to building outstanding careers in electrical and system technician construction,” said Glenn Kingsbury, Executive Manager of NECA Boston Chapter.

Industry-leading 5-year classroom and OTJ training

In total, 1,385 apprentices are currently registered in the JATC Greater Boston training program – 1,202 are in the five-year Electrical Construction Program; and 131 apprentices are in the five-year Telecommunications Systems Technician Program. During the course of the training, apprentices undergo 10,000 hours of on-the-job training with experienced journeymen or systems technicians, as well as 1,000 hours of intensive classroom instruction conducted by fully-qualified and certified trainers before graduating as fully-licensed journeymen and women or licensed systems technicians.

Apprentices are trained in specialty labs and shops, which simulate settings found in the field. The labs include high-voltage, primary and emergency power, electrical distribution, industrial controls, access and CCTV security systems shops and many others. The JATC facility also includes a ground-mounted solar array and wind turbine on which apprentices receive hands-on training in renewable energy installations. These facilities provide power back to the electrical grid and power to both JATC buildings.

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Maine and NH JATC Electrical Training Programs on Rise – More than 200 Now Enrolled in IBEW LU 1253, LU 567 and LU 490

Growing number of women and U.S. military vets entering Northern New England’s union electrical industry training programs

WEST NEWTON, MA – The NECA Boston Chapter / New Hampshire and Maine Divisions also report significant increases in apprentices embarking on union electrical industry careers through their respective 2019 JATC electrical training programs at IBEW Local 1253 in Augusta, Maine, Local 567 in Lewiston, Maine and Local 490 in Concord, New Hampshire. 208 apprentices are currently in progress with electrical industry training. The 2019 Maine and New Hampshire JATC programs, which begin in September, include 67 first year apprentices.

20 apprentices begin IBEW Augusta, ME JATC Electrical Training Program Five veterans and two women in incoming IBEW LU 1253 apprenticeship class

IBEW Local 1253 in Augusta, Maine and the NECA Greater Boston Chapter / Maine Division report that 20 electrical apprentices will begin the Augusta JATC training program in September. The incoming class, the largest in the Augusta Electrical JATC program in at least 20 years, includes five U.S. military veterans and two women.

The intensive four-year electrical training program is comprised of 900 - 1,000 hours of classroom instruction and 8,000 hours of on-the-job training with experienced journeymen and women in the field. “The program’s mission is to develop the most highly skilled and professional electricians and technicians in the industry,” said George Hove, Training Director for the Augusta Electrical JATC.

24 join IBEW Local 567 JATC 2019 apprenticeship class in Lewiston, Maine

NECA Boston’s Maine Division also reports that the Local 567 program, headed by Training Director Allan Shepard, has continued to build on its consistently growing training program:

- 24 new apprentices enrolled the 4-year JATC training program and will begin training in September;
- The program entails a 1,100 hour classroom curriculum and 8,000 hours of OTJ in the field;
- 83 apprentices in total are registered in the program, including 5 women, 6 minorities and 11 veterans;
- In addition to the incoming class, 25 second year apprentices are enrolled; 16 third year apprentices; 11 fourth year; and 7 apprentices will graduate in Spring 2020.

23 electrical apprentices enter NECA Boston / NH Division IBEW Local 490 JATC training program

In Concord, NH, IBEW Local 490 Training Director Eric Bachelor proudly reports:

- 23 first year apprentices are entering the Local 490 program in September 2019;
- 4 women and 4 US Military Service members (active and veterans) are in this year’s class;
- 73 Apprentices in total are currently in the 5-year, 8,000 hour on-the-job training program.

Local 490 has 260 journeymen members currently working in the field.

PROJECT NEWS

J&M Brown Completes Putnam Investments Putnam Investments New Headquarters at 100 Federal Street, Boston
Architect: Gensler, Boston, MA; GC: StructureTone, Boston, MA

BOSTON, MA – J&M Brown Company, Inc. (JMB) has completed the 250,000 square-foot, 11-floor fit-out of Putnam Investments new headquarters at 100 Federal Street in the heart of Boston’s financial district.

The scope entailed comprehensive electrical distribution and lighting installations for the offices which house approximately 1,000 Putnam staff members. This includes eight floors of state-of-the-art offices, a 150-plus seat auditorium, conference centers, a network of meeting rooms, a new data center, an in-house HD broadcast studio, commercial kitchen, and a mezzanine roof deck. A large screen digital media board, one of few in the U.S., is located at Putnam’s street-level entrance. Data center and electrical distribution installations included two UPS systems, three standby electrical risers and internal communications risers that are tied to the standby emergency generator. Six automatic transfer switches that tie into the generator were also installed.

J&M Brown coordinated multiple power shutdowns during the project to meet building owner and tenant requirements and also to ensure critical data was maintained throughout construction.

JMB met the fast-track, nine-month project schedule managing a crew of 50 IBEW Local 103 electricians at peak construction. To meet Putnam’s move-in schedule, the power distribution scope was completed in four months and 8 floors of elaborate office fit-out requirements were completed in only seven months.

The J&M Brown team was headed by Vice President and Project Manager Dennis Nigro and Foremen Bill Marchant, Dave Marchand and Mike Sawyer.

Putnam moved senior leadership team and approximately 600 staff members into its new 100 Federal headquarters from its former offices at One Post Office Square by the end of 2018.

Founded in 1937, Putnam Investments is a global money management firm with offices in Boston, London, Frankfurt, Tokyo, Singapore and Sydney.

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