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About IBEW Local 96

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 96, based in Worcester, MA, has more than 350 member electricians and technicians and more than 100 signatory electrical and telecommunications contractors. Local 96 co-sponsors the five-year JATC Electrical Training program in Worcester with the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) Central Massachusetts Chapter. The organization is headed by Business Manager Thomas J. Maloney.

ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY NEWS

IBEW Local 96 and Central Mass. NECA Introduce Small Works Agreement

Lower labor rates allows for more competitive bidding with non-union shops

WORCESTER, MA – IBEW Local 96 and the Central Massachusetts Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) have recently introduced a Small Works Agreement that will enhance the union electrical industry in this region to compete more favorably with non-union electrical contractors on facilities that do not exceed 50,000 square feet or four (4) stories in height. Applicable properties and projects include: office buildings,

shopping centers, auto dealerships and garages, churches, nursing homes, hotels, retail and wholesale facilities, educational facilities, manufacturing facilities, solar projects (500 panels or less), lighting retrofits, warehouses, gas stations, residential buildings, restaurants, entertainment facilities, hospitals, and medical clinics. This agreement enables contractors to utilize journeymen electrician wage rates that are the most competitive in the elec-

trical industry. Through this agreement, IBEW Local 96 and NECA Central Massachusetts contractors are able to deliver their highly skilled labor force that implements safety procedures that are the strongest in the industry to projects throughout Worcester and Central Massachusetts at rates that are competitive with non-union shops.

EDUCATION NEWS

IBEW Local 96 Accepts 33 Apprentices into JATC Electrical Training Program

IBEW Local 96 is pleased to announce that 33 applicants have been accepted into the Worcester Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (JATC) five-year Electrical Training Program. Classes will begin in September at Worcester Vocational Tech and at the IBEW Local 96 Union Hall at 242 Mill Street in Worcester. The incoming apprenticeship class is comprised of a diverse group

of Central Massachusetts residents, most of whom are recent graduates of Worcester area vocational schools. The JATC electrical training program consists of 1,000 hours in the classroom and 10,000 hours of on-the-job field training. IBEW Local 96 and the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) Central Massachusetts Chapter co-sponsor the industry-leading program.

RENEWABLE PROJECT NEWS

Mass. Electric Construction, IBEW Local 96 Completes 8.1MW Worcester Landfill Solar Project

Among Largest Municipality-owned Solar Arrays in MA; Project Developer and Engineer: Borrego Solar Systems, Lowell, MA



Wayne Dion, Dion Photography and Mass Electric Construction

WORCESTER, MA – In April, IBEW Local 96 signatory contractor Mass. Electric Construction Company completed electrical installations for the 8.1MW solar farm atop the City of Worcester's capped 25-acre former landfill. The project, among Massachusetts largest municipality-owned solar arrays, is comprised of 28,600 solar panels mounted on 1,430 solar racks. Mass. Electric's crew of sixty-five (65) Local 96 journeymen electricians provided installations in the fast-track seven month project. Project Manager Mike Sanders and Project Superintendent Mark Delisle headed the project team. Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. of Lowell, MA was the project's solar developer.

As reported in the Worcester Telegram, John W. Odell,

Worcester's director of energy and asset management, estimates the project will generate approximately 10 million kilowatt hours of electricity annually. The electricity, fed from the Worcester solar farm to National Grid, will offset approximately \$2 million in annual electricity costs for Worcester, equivalent to about 20 percent of the city's municipal electricity budget.

The total project cost of \$27 million has an expected payback of only about 6 years, in part due to the higher value of the Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs) that were utilized in the project's planning and financing stages.

The solar project is undergoing final testing and a ribbon-cutting will be scheduled in late July or August when the facility goes online.

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Building a brighter future for Worcester and Central Massachusetts.



8.1MW Worcester Solar Landfill

UMASS Medical Center, Worcester

The skilled electricians and technicians of IBEW Local 96 power Worcester's most prominent facilities with construction quality and safety that meet the highest industry standards – with consistent on-time, on-budget performance. It's why leading owners, facility managers and, general contractors rely on IBEW Local 96.



Ensure your electrical and tel/data work exceeds all expectations. For your next project, make the bright choice... IBEW Local 96.

Call Business Manager Thomas J. Maloney at 508-753-8635 to learn more.

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