

## **About IBEW Local 96**

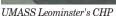
The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 96, based in Worcester, MA, has more than 350 member electricians and technicians and more than 100 signatory electrical and telecommunications contractors. Local 96 co-sponsors the five-year JATC Electrical Training program in Worcester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

#### **PROJECT NEWS** -

# Ostrow Electric Company with IBEW Local 96 Near Completion of UMASS Memorial Health Alliance – Leominster Campus Cogen Plant

GC: Harry Grodsky and Company, Inc., Springfield, MA; EE: NKE Engineering; Architect: DiGiorgio Associates, Boston, MA







Main Switchgear



Control Wiring to Generator



Motor Control Center



Panel Boards and Transformer



Power into High Voltage Cabinet



LEOMINSTER, MA - IBEW Local 96 signatory contractor Ostrow Electric Company, Inc. is nearing completion of the comprehensive electrical project associated with the new, 2MW cogeneration plant at the UMASS Memorial Leominster Hospital campus. The energyefficient natural gas generator is designed to provide virtually all electrical power to the hospital and will run parallel to the electrical grid.

Ostrow's complex electrical scope includes providing the cogen plant's power wiring, as well as the installation of all electrical equipment, including

the main switch gear, motor control center, panel boards, transformers, and UPS system. The NECA/Local 96 contractor's electrical crew provided connections to all equipment and control wiring for the CHP. The electrical team also installed interior and exterior lighting, a fire alarm system, and a lightning protection system as well as the grounding of all equipment for the new 2,650 sq. ft. UMASS Leominster Hospital cogen plant facility.

Integral to the project was Ostrow's installation of an all new 13.8kV infrastructure for the UMASS Leominster

Hospital campus to support the new cogen plant, which will supply clean energy power to the main hospital, the medical office building and the Simons executive office building.

Ostrow Electric is currently working with utility company National Grid and Phasor Engineering Services in the project's testing phase, supporting all gear and electrical equipment.

Ostrow Electric Project Manager David Esteves and General Foreman Peter Valinski have headed the electrical project team, managing a field crew ranging upwards of 10 skilled Local 96 electricians at peak construction. The contractor commenced work on the labor intensive project in fall 2016 and the new cogen plant is currently targeted to go online in mid-Mav.

Ostrow is serving as a subcontractor to the project's general contractor, Harry Grodsky & Co., Inc., headquartered in Springfield, MA.

### **INDUSTRY NEWS**

## **IBEW Local 96 Sponsors Worcester Chamber's Construction** & Real Estate Roundtable



On Thursday, March 22, IBEW Local 96 Business Agent Dave Martinelli and Sue Mailman, principal of Coghlin Electrical Contractors and Trustee for Local 96 as well as a member of the JATC Board of Directors, joined with other leaders from the Massachusetts construction and real estate industries at the Worcester Chamber of Commerce Construction & notable projects.

Real Estate Roundtable event. Event panelists, John Pourbaix, Jr., Executive Director Construction Industries of Massachusetts

Small, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs of NAIOP Massachusetts presented current state legislation and policies that are impacting the construction industry in Central Mass. followed by a discussion with attendees. Martinelli provided an overview of the IBEW Local 96 workforce, its unparalleled training program, and