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Can you believe that we're just a few days away from February already? Groundhog's Day is this Saturday! Where does the time go?

Many of you probably realize that we are currently working more men than ever before, in the 84-year history of West End Electric. It's a little scary, but with your help, we believe we can do it; because of the great work force provided to us by IBEW Local 575. We not only have some of the finest Electricians and Apprentices that 575 has to offer, we have some of the best Traveling Brothers as well. As of this writing, we have over 150-Workers. That's more than 150-opportunities to show the Customers that they have hired the best to complete their projects. Let's all take pride in everything we do. It's our area and the future of our families that we are building. Let's do it right the first time. Dan Maple once said, "The quality of the work remains long after the cost is forgotten." And yes, Dan is a "West Sider".

Task Order Work Continues On New DUF6 Conversion Facility

Work has continued since late November, on the new DUF6 Conversion Facility. Led by Greg Tingler, our crew has been very busy with many different types of Electrical work. As of this date, our work force on this project has grown to a total of 53-Electricians. This work is currently on a 5-10's schedule, and is expected continue into the Spring. There have been no accidents turned in on this project to date. That's great news!! Workers on this project include Greg Tingler (GF), Rod Martin (Foreman), Joe Galloway, Denise Shreck (Foreman), Brett Zwahlen, Bret Coville, Jeff Sheets, Kenny Cochran, David Gualtieri, Shawn Sparks, Terry Lansaw, Bill Dominick, Phil Thacker (Foreman), Amber Kasper, Ricci Jackson, Richard Grosiak, John Griffin Jr., Stan Pence (Foreman), Ben Mathews, Jim Hall, Ken Holt, Ken Weaver, Jerry Hallman, Jim Lillicrap, Rick Deime, Ty Newman, Mike Geist, Charles Corns (Foreman), Joe Dillow, Shannon Osborne, Randy Young, Paul Roe, Mike Lapinski, Ricardo Jiminez, Derrick Shaheed, Chad Roberts (Foreman), Ron Crabtree, Paul Taylor, John Ellis, Mike Stenson, Gary Pope, Richard Clare, Dwayne Vanscoy, Lee Creiglow, Daniel Kerber, Richard Hutchinson, William Berkshire, Joseph Keglovich, Ronald Bailey, Lee Mastin, Leroy Smith Jr., Michael Hall, and Rick Holloway. We welcome these first time Employees to WEE.

State Electric's Building Is Getting Closer

The building is closed in, and we're waiting on A.E.P. to connect the permanent Electric Service. Danny Beekman, with the help of John Hill, has been knocking out the Electrical on this project. The new building is scheduled for a March 1, 2008 completion, and we see no reason that date can't be met. We look forward to having State Electric Supply Co. right here in Portsmouth! As of this date, no injuries reported on this project.

***Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do.
Attitude determines how well you do it.***

January Birthdays: Derek Morgan, Matt Rider, Howard Zellers, Clyde Blanton, Nathan Geyer, Eric Delong, David Gualtieri, Brett Zwahlen, and Michael Cross.

Desco Main Office Is Closed-in

The conduit and wire installation is nearly completed on the First Floor Renovation Work at Desco's Main Office. The tinted glass windows installed around the first floor give the building a great look. Led by Miles Lee Ferguson, our crew just completed installing the 400 Amp Panel and feeder for the renovation project. Workers on this project include Jimmy Joyner, Bobby Conn, and Dustin Pendleton.

The Atomic Employees Credit Union Corporate Office Is Taking Shape!

Andy Eldridge and his crew have nearly completed all of the conduit rough-in and wiring on this project, and have been installing light fixtures on the second floor. Permanent power is just days away. The expected completion date is April 2008. This has been an injury free project to date. Workers on this project include Brandon Harbolt, Ben Pollard, Anthony Gross, and Tyler McNeer.

How you think about a problem is more important than the problem itself - so always think positively.

Scioto County JVS Work Continues

Renovation work continues in the Schulte Building, and the new addition is taking shape; at the Scioto County JVS School. Led by Mike Snipes, our crews have been installing switchgear and pulling feeders; as well as roughing-in the walls in the new addition. The building has temporary heat, which makes this a good Winter job. Workers on this project include Mike Snipes, Dave Nichols, Mark Fitzgerald, Craig Gammon, Ryan Evans, Aaron Lore, David Shoemaker, Dick Greathouse, Dicky Greathouse Jr., and Tommy Nichols. There have been no injuries reported to date, on this project. Keep up the good work!

Wheelersburg's New K-12 School Is Closed-In

The heat is on, in the new Wheelersburg K-12 School. Not only the temporary heat, but the invisible heat (pressure) to get this project done in time for the next School year. Several of the Educational Wings have permanent lighting installed and working. With 5-acres under roof, this is a lot of building to deal with; but these guys have risen to the challenge. The completion date is scheduled for July 15, 2008; and our goal is to beat that date. Light fixtures have already been installed and turned on in 3-different wings in the building. As of this date, we have a total of 18-Electricians and Apprentices working on this project. Led by Jared Downey, the following workers have been hard at it: Ed Sommer, Charles Keller, Ray Ervin, Chris Fowler, Gerald Boston, Tyler Siebert, Josh Reed, Boyd Wisecup, Dereck Morgan, Adam Mullins, Martin Fisher, Randy Eldridge, Andy Holsinger, Nathan Geyer, Anthony Arthurs, Todd Davis, and Adam Arnett. No serious injuries have been reported to date. Way to go!!

New Boston Shopping Center Work Continues

While progress is being made on the building shell, our work has been limited at the New Boston Shopping Center. Once the roof and floors are in place, we will be at it full force. Josh Blevins has been tending this project so far, and he looks forward to getting a good start on the Electrical installation. Some of the stores going in this strip mall include: Staples, Petland, Dollar Tree, Shoe Show, Fashion Bug, Sally Beauty, Nail Salon, and Fantastic Sams. There are still seven unrented shops left, but they're going fast. Led by J & H Erectors, this project has an expected completion date of Spring 2008.

Did You Know.....

There's a little lady in this office that works very hard to keep the pay checks flowing, paperwork filed, and our Customers and Workers (and her bosses) happy for all of our projects. This can be stressful at times, and that is why we hired Prudy Copas. A lesser person could not handle the stress. For some people, the stress takes them to the point where they're ready to pull their hair out, but Prudy just changes the style of her hair; often. Prudy is a special person around here, and she makes all of our jobs easier. We really do appreciate Prudy!! The next time you call the office and Prudy answers the phone, let her know how much you appreciate her too.

Very Good Things Are *Happening* At SOMC!!

Work on the South Addition of Southern Ohio Medical Center has progressed to the Mechanical/Electrical Penthouse. Conduit & wire is nearly completed in the basement, and the Ground Floor is not far behind. The First Floor conduit rough-in is well under way. And, our crews have been setting switchgear as it arrives; in the Penthouse. There is still much to do on the South Addition, but it has come along way. Temporary heat has been operating throughout the addition for several weeks now. We expect to have permanent power in early April. The South Addition is expected to be completed in June of 2008. The overall project is being led by Bill Mershon (General Foreman). Crews in the South Addition include Danny Adams (Foreman), Mike Mershon (Foreman), John Lambert, Bill Cole, Phil Matiz, Keith Webb, Bill Taylor, Bud Thacker, Jim Walsh, Eric DeLong, Howard Zellers, Bill Loper, Matt Rider, Wes Cline, Clyde Blanton, and Steve Marth.

With temporary power and lighting in place on four floors, conduit rough-in and panel tubs installation has begun on the lower levels of the North Bed Tower Project. The two huge generators have been set on the top floor Electrical Room, and can be seen at the East end of the Penthouse. Conduit rough-in has also begun in the new Entrance Lobby. This project is scheduled for a December 2008 completion, with the new Lobby expected to open sometime in June 2008. Most of the North Bed Tower area has been closed in, and has temporary heat. Workers on the North Bed Tower include Randy Eldridge Jr. (Foreman), Jim Walsh (Foreman), Greg Shirey, Stuart Bradford, Brian Westfall, Andrew Adkins, Tommie Human, Wilson Beasley, Russell Shue, David Pettry, Elbie Mathis, Michael Cross, Mark Schoenfelder, Wayne Shepherd, and Josh Gammon.

The small projects at SOMC continue to come. We just began a Blood Draw Suite in Building K, and there are three Doctor's office Suites due out any day. Led by Miles Lee Ferguson, this crew consists of Bobby Conn, Jimmy Joyner, and Dustin Pendleton. Safety continues to be a major concern at SOMC, and it is no difference for us. We have had zero injuries to date, on the SOMC projects we've been involved in. Let's keep this streak going!

The person who says it can not be done should not interrupt the person doing it.

Task Order Work Picks-up At A-Plant

More Task Order work has begun since the Holidays, for our crews at the A-Plant. Fluor continues to crank out the work on the ACP Centrifuge Project. USEC work has continued at a steady pace. We are upgrading work that we installed 20-years ago. Seems a little strange, but no one knows it any better than we do. Our workers on site include Pete Nichols (GF), Mike Cantrell (F), Chad Hawes (GF), Dan Maple (F), Nicholas Kingrey, Robert Bowman, Nelson Duncan (F), Matt Louanglath (F), Michael Gay, Tim Jenkins, Christine Singer, Rick Eastwood, Brian Maple, Ed Leslie, James Fleming, Keith Mabe, Leo Burns; as well as Laura Hawes in the Office and John Howard as our Health & Safety Officer. This site continues to be injury free for our crews.

Ever wonder who takes care of all of these little Emergency calls, calls that are cold in the Winter, hot in the Summer, jobs so bad that the owner is willing to pay someone instead of doing it himself, and “I need for you to go and finish up the loose ends on this project“ opportunities?? Well, if you guessed Dwane “The Rock” Johnson, you’re right. This guy has been our go-to guy for several years now. He must be doing something right, because the Customers really like him. We do too. He’s one of our Home-grown 575 men. Keep up the great work, Dwane.

ODOT’S NEW PIKE COUNTY MAINTENANCE GARAGE IS OFF AND RUNNING.

The building underground conduit rough-in has been completed on the new Pike County ODOT Highway Maintenance Garage. Structural steel has been going up, and is nearly complete. Once the siding is in place, conduit work can start inside of the building. Led by Kenny Stewart, David Marting and Tim Literal have been putting in a lot of underground conduit. Work on this project is expected to be completed in late-2008. No injuries reported to date, and that’s good for everyone!

S.S.U.'s Rhodes Center Renovations Work To Start Soon...

The Pre-Construction meeting for this project was held on January 18, 2008. The project is expected to get underway in early February, with a completion date of April 18, 2008. The building gets a new Electric Service and Switchgear, along with a Generator and Emergency Power System. This is Phase 1, of a Multi-Phased Project.

Be true to your work, your word and your friends.

Lake White Work Continues

Electrical work to the Picnic Shelters at the South end of the Park was completed earlier this month, but there is still some Electrical work to be done at the North end of the Lake; due to safety concerns by ODOT. Miles Lee Ferguson, along with Dustin Pendleton, and Bobby Conn completed the Electrical work at the Picnic Shelters. We're hoping Andy Eldridge and his crew can complete the Electrical work at the North end of the lake, very soon. This is another project with no reports of injuries.

Northwest High School Is Almost Done...

Punchlist work, as well as some extra work has continued at Northwest High School. Kenny Stewart bounce-passed most of the finishing touches to Josh Blevins, who has nearly completed everything in the High School; along with some extras in the Elementary and Middle Schools. Kenny can still be seen in the halls, from time to time.

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

Cornerstone U.M.C. Erects Bell Tower

Cornerstone United Methodist Church recently completed their new Bell Tower at the South-East corner of 9th & Offnere Streets. Our own Dwane Johnson performed the Electrical work on this project, which included lights inside of the tower, as well as programmable ringers on the bells. This is a beautiful addition to this already beautiful Church Facility. Make it a point to drive by this tower some night, and check it out for yourself.

Scioto County Awards Pump Stations Upgrade Project

The Scioto County Commissioners recently awarded a contract to Southern Ohio Trenching, to upgrade 11ea. Of the many pump stations located throughout Scioto County. We were awarded a Sub Contract from Southern Ohio Trenching, for the Electrical work associated with this upgrade work. Despite the liquid being transported through these pump stations, we appreciate the opportunity to take care of the Electrical needs of our County. The pump stations being upgraded are located in Lucasville, Rosemount, Wheelersburg, West Portsmouth, and Franklin Furnace. We have not selected the lucky guy to do this project yet.

What's Coming Up To Bid???

We've learned that Adams County will be bidding out seven School Projects in the next month or two. This includes renovations and upgrades to the Jr./Sr. High Schools and new Elementary Schools in Seaman, Peebles, and West Union, as well as upgrades and renovations to the Adams Co. Vocational School. Some of you may remember that we performed the Electrical work on the four Adams County Jr./Sr. High Schools that were built around 1995. We are planning on bidding these projects as well, which would be expected to start some time this Summer.

We expect Clay and New Boston School Districts to be starting construction on new School Facilities, in the not too distant future.

We are continually faced by great opportunities brilliantly disguised as insoluble problems.