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UNO Roskens Hall Remodel Project

Chuck Fintel – Project Manager

On July 8, 2010, Commonwealth Electric's Omaha office signed a contract with The Weitz Company for the electrical portion of the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) Roskens Hall Remodel Project. The renovation includes five of the six building floors and approximately 83,770 square feet. The only part of the building not included is the basement.

Ground was broken for the original Roskens Hall in 1973 and it was completed in 1975. The hall was named after Ronald Roskens, who served as UNO's Chancellor from 1972 until 1977. It is the former home of the UNO College of Business Administration, which has recently relocated to the new Mammel Hall on the Pacific Street Campus. When the remodeling is complete, Roskens Hall will become the new home for UNO's College of Education, which will relocate from another older building on campus. The remodeled

facility will include flexible learning environments; multiple innovative classrooms and labs; informal study areas and collaboration spaces; and faculty and administrative offices for increased interaction between faculty and students.

The project started in August, 2010 and is to be completed in June, 2011. It is very much a fast track project, as it is to open in the fall of 2011 for the College of Education.

The Weitz Company's project manager is Chris Flott and their field engineer is Brian Shunk. Commonwealth's project manager is Chuck Fintel and our general foreman on the project is Don Buckley, with Bob Nocita serving as his foreman. Our engineering and CAD groups have assisted on the project by providing engineering support, layout and prefab drawings.

Before photo and Rendering photos below by Holland Basham Architects



Commonwealth Communications Security Division

Chris Gall - Manager

Did you realize, Commonwealth Communications is providing and installing some of the leading brands of security solutions? We are proud partners with some of the leading security manufacturers in the industry, and we are working diligently at providing the best value of both products and services for any facilities security needs. Commonwealth is a direct dealer for some of the biggest names in security and access control, such as Bosch and Maxxess-Systems, as well as certified to sell and install a whole array of systems such as Pelco, OnSSi, 2Gig, HID, and Honeywell to name a few.

Currently we are providing security solutions in Industrial sites, schools, office buildings, data centers, hospitals and warehouse

facilities. As we add to our list of accomplished installations we will begin to share in our newsletters what we are finding to be the most effective products and uses of these solutions, allowing others to benefit from our experiences. Our technicians are taking part in the in-depth training that these manufacturers are offering, making them quite proficient in these specialized areas of our trade. As we continue to move forward with the technologies of our industry, we are excited to offer more and more in house solutions for all your electrical AND electronic needs, making us your one-stop-shop.

Sarpy County Ballpark

Jake Gable - Project Manager

The new Sarpy County Ballpark is located at HWY 370 and 126th Street in Papillion. The ballpark is the new home for the Omaha Storm Chasers (formally the Omaha Royals). With 6,434 fixed seats, the ballpark can accommodate a maximum of 9,023 people for baseball games and other events due to a spacious berm and standing room areas. The ballpark consists of sixteen separate buildings including concession stands, restrooms, administration, ticketing, team store, press box, suites, home and visitor lockers, commissary, batting cage and a bullpen. Some other attractions that the ballpark has is a wiffle ball field, small basketball court, scoreboard bar, tented areas for picnics, a carousel, and an area for fireworks.

The ballpark had a tight schedule of one year from March 2010 to March 2011. Commonwealth finished the contract work before the deadline. We worked closely with The Weitz Company to complete the project on time.

Matt Burnham was the General Foreman on site and we peaked

at 22 men on the project. There was over 16 miles of conduit installed in the duct bank that went in and around the site.

Facts about the job include the setting of four 110' lighting poles, four 85' lighting poles, over 1,200 lighting fixtures, 40 miles of data cabling, and 94 miles of electrical wire installed on this project.



A Successful Year

Ruben J. Bera - Corporate Safety Director

2010 proved to be an exciting and successful year for Commonwealth Electric Company of the Midwest in safety. I'm proud to say that five of our branches went the entire year without a lost time accident. Three branches went without any recordable injuries. These achievements are a testimony to the commitment all of us have made to working safe on job sites. But it's more than just working safe on the job. Our job as an electrician requires us to stay focused every day. Working with and around live energy is serious business.

We have other exposures to employee injuries that can't be overlooked. Our warehouse drivers are constantly on the road making deliveries or picking up materials. Our Service Departments go from one account to another and are faced with a lot of unforeseen exposures. Being

prepared is a big part of preventing injuries. Another part of preventing injuries is having the right equipment. Sometimes we overlook the importance of wearing safety glasses, but a simple eye injury can be painful and expensive. In 2010 we did not have one eye injury. All the PPE we are required to wear really does prevent injuries. Join me in congratulating the following branches for having an outstanding year in safety.

2010 Safety Achievement awards present to:

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| Des Moines – | Zero injuries |
| Tucson – | Zero injuries |
| Expo Division – | Zero Injuries |
| Columbus – | No lost time accidents |
| Lincoln – | No lost time accidents |



Mike Price - Branch Manager Des Moines receiving his award for achieving zero accidents in 2010



Jay Hoobler, Branch Manager – Tucson Receiving his safety achievement award for completing 2010 without any injuries.



Mike King, Lincoln Branch Manager and Lincoln Safety Committee members receiving their safety achievement award for completing 2010 without a lost time accident



*Steve Kaup – Columbus Branch Manager receiving his safety achievement award for completing 2010 without a lost time accident
Not pictured - Dan Shannon Expo Manager*

Des Moines Begins Work on World Food Prize Hall of Laureates Phase III

Allison Petersen - Service Coordinator

Commonwealth Electric Company of the Midwest was recently awarded Phase III of the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates project, which is located in the old Des Moines Library building at 100 Locust Street in downtown Des Moines. Commonwealth Electric is currently working on Phase 1 of the project which includes the lightning protection, exterior building lighting and the roof mounted photo voltaic solar panel system. Phase III of the project, which is the Exterior Site package, includes the installation of power pedestals, GFCI receptacle pedestals, landscape lighting, walkway pole lights and the wiring for a water fountain including several pumps and underwater light fixtures. The entire project, including Phase III, is scheduled to be completed by the end of July, 2011. The World Food Prize project team is pursuing LEED Platinum Certification. Neumann Brothers is the General

Contractor, with Josh Braby as their Project Manager. The Commonwealth Electric team includes foreman, Steve Hansen and project manager, Mark Ramsey.



Image provided by the World Food Prize Foundation; site design by Hoerr Schaudt Landscape Architects, Nicholas Fobes, RLA, LEED AP.

Columbus Branch Continues to Expand in Surrounding Communities

Ruth Chermok - Business Development

The Columbus office continues to expand to work in surrounding communities. Our foundation remains with ADM, and we are enjoying a lot of success at BD Medical. However, we continue to research and pursue opportunities in surrounding communities.

We have just been awarded a \$526,000 contract for the City of Norfolk to install a new 600A service for an entire city park, and the new lighting for a skate park, baseball and football stadium; and all associated parking lot lighting. The project is scheduled to run for approximately 14 months and will give us the visibility in the Norfolk community that we have been seeking. The lighting project will be installed with Musco lighting systems.

We continue to pursue the new Norfolk Chamber of Commerce project as well. We were aware that we were one of the finalists in the original bid process. Since that

time the project is now with its third General Contractor and is being completely redesigned. We hope to secure this project as well.

In addition, we recently have begun work at a small City park on a new concession stand and hopefully will be involved in a new aquatic facility there. Also, we have secured work at a water treatment facility in a nearby community. Many of our electricians live in surrounding communities, and they do an excellent job of researching and developing leads for us on projects in their "hometowns". We have recently begun a "hometown electrician" advertising program. We run newspaper ads with the picture and contact information on each of our "hometown electricians". This has provided a lot of positive feedback and resulted in some work connections. Our team is looking forward to expanding and growing together!

Madison County Memorial Hospital Additions & Renovations

Matt Masters - Project Manager

The Madison County Memorial Hospital Additions and Renovation's project in Winterset, Iowa is now underway. The project includes a new 3,500 SF Clinic Addition & 17,000 SF Patient Wing Addition, 8000 SF Clinic Renovation, and 5,000 SF Physical Therapy Renovation.

The electrical scope of work includes extending the hospital's existing electrical distribution systems, replacing the existing emergency generator with a new 550KW genset, as well as extending the fire alarm, voice/data, and sound systems.

CECM's contract for this work is direct with the hospital, and Gracorp out of Omaha, Nebraska is serving as the Construction Manager on the project.

One of the project requirements is that we use 3D Building Information Modeling otherwise known as BIM. Brian Orton and Marijo Bosiljevac are heading up our efforts for the 3D modeling and further engineering support. The remainder of the Commonwealth Electric project team consists of Mike Van Der Hart, Project Foreman, Matt Masters, Project Manager, with Nick Page and Corporate Estimating completing the estimate. In addition, we are utilizing Chris Gall for our RCDD requirements on the project.

"We are very happy with the Commonwealth Team, good job on this project," stated Jason Studt of Gracorp.

