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(L to R) James Henshaw, Isaac Gottula, and Dillon Philipps stand with one of the custom control panels completed for the Talmage project.

Powering the Harvest: Lincoln Team Completes Talmage Grain Project

***Owen Gubbels** – Project Manager | Lincoln, NE*

Earlier this year, Farmers Cooperative of Talmage contacted our Lincoln team to design and install the electrical systems for two new 400,000-bushel grain bins. The project included providing power and controls for 34 motors serving conveyors, fans and bin sweeps, along with bindicator controls and interlock systems for sweeps, gates, and conveyors.

From the beginning, our team worked closely with the Cooperative to develop a solution that supported the owner's operational needs. The final design included HMI controls for the conveyors and fans, accessible from two locations on the property. For added reliability, the system also included manual controls, allowing equipment to operate independently if the HMI system became unavailable.

Electrical Engineer Rebekah Warner led the engineering effort, developing the design and drawings for two dedicated control panels, one for conveyor operations and another for fan controls. She also worked closely with field leader Doug Standage to develop the project's one-line diagrams and overall electrical design.

Once the design was finalized, Doug led the field installation alongside Craig Ideus, Austin David, and Zak Stark. The team installed the above-ground and underground infrastructure needed to power and control equipment throughout the site. This included installing conduit systems more than 120 feet in the air along the grain bins to serve exhaust fans and conveyor equipment.

At the same time, our UL-listed panel shop in Lincoln constructed the project's custom control panels. James Henshaw, Dillon Philipps, and Isaac Gottula built two professional,

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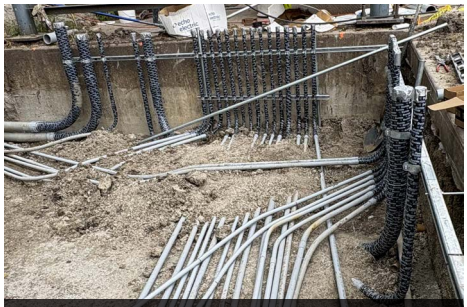
well-organized panels that reflected the craftsmanship and attention to detail our teams bring to every project.

With harvest approaching, coordination was critical. Despite an ever-changing schedule, the engineering, panel shop, and field teams worked together to have the system operational before grain began arriving. The project was successfully completed on time, and the new bins are now being filled with soybeans using the controls designed, built, and installed by our teams.

This project was an excellent example of the collaboration between



Underground conduit at the Talmage project

our engineering, panel shop, and field operations departments. The teamwork, communication, and commitment demonstrated throughout the project resulted in a successful outcome for the customer and showcased our ability to execute



Both of the custom-built control panels

complex agricultural automation projects. We look forward to pursuing more opportunities like this in the future.

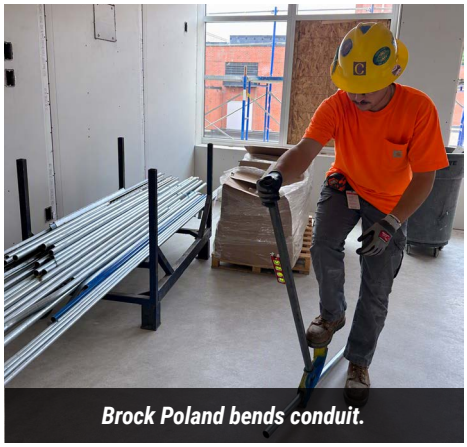
FEATURED **PROJECTS**

Powering a New Medical-Surgical Unit at Iowa Methodist Medical Center

***Kate Kriegel** – Project Manager | Des Moines, IA*

Commonwealth Electric Company of the Midwest in Des Moines is proud to serve as the electrical contractor for the renovation of the entire second floor in the South Wing of Iowa Methodist Medical Center for UnityPoint Health. Upon completion in early December, the newly renovated 6,690 square-foot space will serve as a medical surgical unit.

Project Manager, Kate Kriegel, is leading the project alongside Project Foreman, Brock Mickelson, who is overseeing field operations. Brock and his crew are responsible for installing lighting, lighting controls, wiring devices, rough-ins for a nurse call system, and electrical connections for new mechanical equipment. Additionally, a significant portion of the project involves upgrading the facility's emergency power infrastructure to meet the demands of a medical-surgical unit. This work includes the installation of a new automatic transfer switch, transformer, disconnect, and critical panel. To do



Brock Poland bends conduit.

so, Brock and his team are temporarily providing power to an observation unit located on Level 3 of the South Tower. This approach allows UnityPoint Health to safely maintain operations while the emergency distribution equipment is installed, minimizing disruptions for hospital staff and patients.

Confluence Technology Group is also playing a key role in this project. Led



Project Foreman, Brock Mickelson, and his apprentice, Brock Poland, review the drawings.

by Project Manager, John Christensen, the team is installing several low-voltage systems, including cameras, paging, fire alarm, a duress button, and data cabling.

We are grateful for the opportunity to once again partner with Edge Companies and UnityPoint Health. We look forward to continuing to strengthen our relationships with them and the rest of the project team.

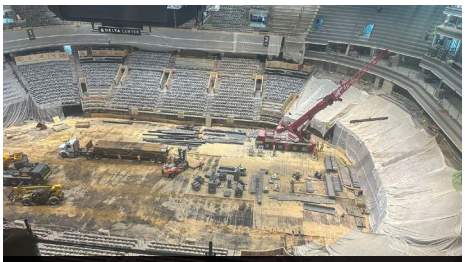
Rydalch Electric Helps Power the Delta Center Transformation

Bryan Jensen *– Business Development Manager | Salt Lake City, UT*

The Delta Center continues its transformation into a premier dual-sport venue for the Utah Jazz and Utah Mammoth, with major upgrades designed to enhance the fan experience for both NBA and NHL events. Improvements include new terrace-style seating, suspended gondola viewing areas, premium suite enhancements, expanded hospitality spaces, and a new parking structure.



Rydalch team members observe the ongoing Delta Center transformation.



The Delta Center during its renovation

Rydalch Electric is proud to play an important role in the renovation, providing the electrical infrastructure needed to support the arena's transformation. Our work includes power distribution, lighting, controls, and technology infrastructure throughout new seating and hospitality areas, premium suites, concourses, and the adjacent parking structure.

Completing this work within an active sports and entertainment venue has required careful planning, coordination and flexibility. Behind that effort is a dedicated field team working both days and nights to keep construction moving while supporting the arena's ongoing operations.

On the day shift, Foremen Kelly Kolb, Jordan Worthington, and Ryan Clement have provided leadership and coordination throughout the project. On nights, Tim Webster, Braxton Pearson, and Carson Ladue have kept work moving forward through critical after-hours installations that help maintain the project schedule.

The Delta Center renovation showcases not only Rydalch Electric's capabilities on a high-profile, complex project, but also the expertise and commitment of the people behind the work. Thank you to our entire project team for their continued dedication to bringing this landmark transformation to life.

Commonwealth Supports Critical ICU Renovation at HonorHealth Scottsdale

Bobby Bandara *– Business Development Manager | Phoenix, AZ*

Commonwealth Electric Company of the Midwest is currently performing a major renovation at HonorHealth in Scottsdale, AZ. The project involves a complete remodel of the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit (CVICU), helping modernize critical patient care spaces while supporting the hospital's future growth.



L-R: APP 5 Miguel Castro, Journeyman Jefferey Rasmussen, APP 6 Victor Gonzalez, General Foreman Robbie Holden, APP 4 Dimitri Trakas, APP 4 Autumn Eifert, Journeyman Marc Denesovic

Led by Project Manager Celine Williams, the Commonwealth team includes General Foreman Robbie Holden; Journeymen Jeffery Rasmussen and Marc Denesovic; and Apprentices Miguel Castro, Victor Gonzalez, Dimitri Trakas, and Autumn Eifert.

The scope of work includes upgrades to the unit's electrical power distribution, lighting systems, telecommunications infrastructure, and fire alarm systems. The Commonwealth team is assisting the Mechanical contractor with power for a new rooftop HVAC unit and installing exhaust fans and humidifiers, as well as installing a new electrical power panel, providing capacity for future expansion and equipment needs.

Because the CVICU remains operational during renovations, the field team must carefully coordinate work around shared electrical circuits and critical hospital systems to avoid disrupting patient care. With restrictions on power outages and hot work activities, the team has demonstrated exceptional coordination, creativity, and commitment to safety while executing this complex renovation.

This project highlights Commonwealth's expertise in healthcare construction and its ability to deliver successful upgrades in sensitive, occupied environments where reliability and patient safety are paramount.

Commonwealth Electric Expo Continues to Service Phoenix Convention Center

Dan Shannon *– Vice President of Operations - Expo Services | Phoenix, AZ*

We are proud to announce that Commonwealth Electric's Expo Division has been awarded a five-year contract to continue providing "Exclusive Event Utility Services" at the Phoenix Convention Center. This award reaffirms Commonwealth's role as a trusted Service Partner and our capability to meet and exceed the highest standards set forth by the Phoenix Convention Center. Our many years of experience, combined with our industry relationships, utilities expertise, and tremendous success with many of the State of Arizona's largest trade shows, conventions, and special events, remain unsurpassed.

Over the past three decades, the Phoenix Convention Center has experienced remarkable growth, attracting major events that previously overlooked Phoenix due to facility limitations. Commonwealth has grown right alongside it, evolving to meet increasing demands while consistently delivering exceptional services and top-tier resources. This new contract allows us to carry that momentum forward.

We are proud to have supported high-profile events such as NFL Super Bowl Fan Fest, Phoenix Fan Fusion, the NCAA Championship Final Four Fan Fest, Clean Power, Kehe Foods, and WM Symposia. These influential gatherings have been hosted at this state-of-the-art venue, and our commitment to excellence played a key role in their success. We look forward to supporting many more in the years ahead.

Throughout our longstanding partnership, Commonwealth has demonstrated unwavering dedication to the Phoenix Convention Center's mission to become North America's premier convention and entertainment destination. Over the next five years, our focus will remain on driving the Center's success by maximizing customer satisfaction, creating new revenue opportunities, and upholding an impeccable safety record.



Commonwealth's Expo team

This achievement reflects the hard work and dedication of our entire team. By following our core values of Customers, Employees, Character and Mastery as well as our "Commitment to Excellence" in all that we do, we will continue to provide exceptional service every day.

We sincerely thank the Phoenix Convention Center for its continued trust and confidence in Commonwealth. We look forward to five more years of partnership and service excellence at the Phoenix Convention Center.

Lighting the Heart of Downtown Columbus: Frankfort Square

Andy Sueper *– Senior Service Manager | Columbus, NE*

When the City of Columbus, NE, and the Downtown Trackside District began exploring ways to enhance the atmosphere and usability of Frankfort Square, Commonwealth Electric Company of the Midwest was proud to be part of the vision.

Working closely with city leadership and business owners, our team developed a lighting design that aligned with the project's goals and budget. Through collaboration and planning, we created a lighting solution that enhances the park's character, improves visibility, and creates a more inviting space for residents and visitors after dark. Jeremy Braun served as project manager, and Cameron Birkel was the service technician.

The project included modern decorative lighting along the park's walkways and architectural lighting that highlights key features, including the downtown mural, American flag, and artwork on the bandstand stage wall. Together, these improvements help showcase what makes the park a unique community gathering place.

Commonwealth also donated and installed lighting for the park's Civil War monument, ensuring it remains visible while recognizing the history and pride that make Frankfort Square a centerpiece of downtown Columbus.



Photo credit: City of Columbus

We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with the City of Columbus and Downtown Trackside District to preserve local history, celebrate public art, and create a welcoming destination for years to come.

COMPANY **EVENTS**

Going the Distance: A Market-to-Market Tradition

Erin Stieren *– Director of Marketing | Lincoln, NE*

For Dan Maca and his teammates, the Market-to-Market Relay has become more than a race. It's a tradition. The team has participated every year since the inaugural race in 2008, bringing together longtime runners, returning teammates, and new faces. This year's team included Jake Hedgecock, Bethany Arnold, Ellie Schroder, Dan Maca, Scott Lamoreux, Noel Lamoreux, Josh Muench, and Isaiah Edson.



L to R: Jake Hedgecock, Bethany Arnold, Ellie Schroder, Dan Maca, Scott Lamoreux, Noel Lamoreux, Josh Muench, Isaiah Edson

The 2026 Market to Market Relay took runners approximately 75 miles from the Omaha Metro area to downtown Lincoln, with teammates alternating running legs throughout the day.

Among this year's runners, Dan Maca, Bethany, and Ellie have been part of the team since the very beginning. Josh returned after participating in many of the early years, while Noel joined the team for the first time.

Congratulations to the entire team on keeping this Nebraska tradition going for another year!

Employee Ownership Committee Brings Home Fresh Ideas

Erin Stieren *– Director of Marketing | Lincoln, NE*

Members of Commonwealth's Employee Ownership Committee and leaders from Commonwealth attended The ESOP Association's (TEA) 2026 Midwest Regional Conference September 22–24 in Des Moines. The conference gave attendees opportunities to learn, connect with other employee-owned companies, and bring new ideas back to Commonwealth.



Commonwealth Employee-Owners attend the 2026 TEA Conference in Des Moines.

Sessions covered topics including strengthening ownership culture, employee recognition, developing leaders, mentoring new owners, communicating share value, and connecting employees' everyday actions to the success of their ESOP.

The Committee will use ideas and best practices gathered at the conference to help shape future ownership initiatives and continue finding meaningful ways to educate and engage Commonwealth's employee-owners.

As a 100% employee-owned company, opportunities like this help us continue building a stronger ownership culture and remind us that the work we do every day contributes to the success we share together.

Commonwealth Electric Tees Up Some Fun

Barb Skiba *– Office Assistant and* ***Melissa Hill*** *– Project Coordinator | Phoenix, AZ*



Commonwealth's Phoenix team

Our team in Phoenix, AZ, traded job sites and office desks for putters and scorecards during a fun-filled putt-putt golf outing this fall. The event gave everyone an opportunity to step away from the usual workday routine and enjoy some friendly competition. With plenty of laughs, good-natured rivalry, a tasty lunch, and a few challenging holes along the way, the outing was a wonderful chance for employees to unwind outside of work.

As the scores were tallied, Project Manager Daniel Martin came out on top and earned the title of champion. Congratulations to Daniel on a well-played round and a memorable victory!

Thank you to everyone who participated, cheered on their coworkers, and helped make the event such an enjoyable success. We hope the outing created lasting memories—and perhaps inspired a few participants to start practicing for the next round.

Commonwealth Families Celebrate Fall Together

Erin Stieren *– Director of Marketing | Lincoln, NE, and* ***Eve Jacobson*** *– Office Administrator | Columbus, NE*

Fall fun was in full swing as Commonwealth employees and their families gathered for pumpkin patch celebrations in Lincoln and Grand Island.

In Lincoln the team enjoyed an afternoon at Roca Berry Farm. Over 100 coworkers and their families enjoyed food, fall activities, and time together outside of the office.

Greater Nebraska employees continued their own pumpkin patch tradition, bringing families together for a day of fall fun near Grand Island. The annual event has become a favorite opportunity for employees and their families to connect, enjoy the season, and make memories together.

Thank you to the Culture Committees and everyone who helped make these family events possible!



Mike Siegel and his family



Leslie Shaw and her family



Pamela Traudt, Latisha Collins, and their families



Jake Gable and his family



Jacob Svoboda and his daughter

SAFETY UPDATES

Leading by Example: Bryan Palmer Recognized for Commitment to Safety

Lucas Simpson *– Director of Safety | Omaha, NE*



Bryan Palmer (L) and Carter Abels (R)

This fall, I had the privilege of presenting Greater Nebraska General Foreman Bryan Palmer with a Safety Department Challenge Coin in recognition of his commitment to safety, quality, and mentoring others.

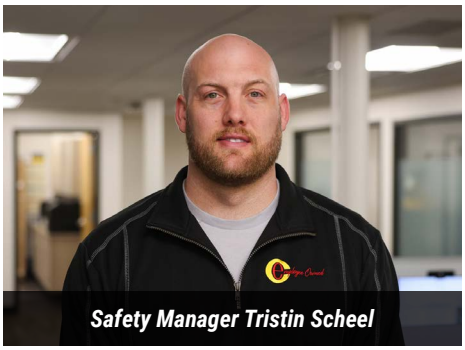
Bryan leads by example every day, taking the time to ensure each job is completed safely and correctly, while also sharing his knowledge and experience with younger team members. Most recently, he served as lead General Foreman on the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center project, which was completed with zero first aid incidents, zero recordable injuries, and zero property damage events.

Bryan's leadership and commitment to doing things the right way make him incredibly deserving of this recognition.

Congratulations, Bryan, and thank you for continuing to put the safety of our people first.

Welcome to the Safety Team: Tristin Scheel

Lucas Simpson *– Director of Safety | Omaha, NE*



Safety Manager Tristin Scheel

We're excited to welcome Tristin Scheel to the Commonwealth team as our new Safety Manager, based in Lincoln, NE.

Since joining Commonwealth in August, Tristin has quickly become a trusted safety resource. He has also been helping strengthen our in-person training programs and operational safety initiatives, bringing a positive attitude, strong work ethic, and commitment to supporting both our people and operations.

As Tristin continues to grow in his role, we look forward to seeing him build relationships with our field teams and further strengthen our safety culture across Commonwealth.

Please join us in welcoming Tristin to the team. We're glad to have him at Commonwealth!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHTS

Commonwealth Greater Nebraska Team Welcomes New Members

Andy Sueper *– Senior Service Manager | Columbus, NE*

As Commonwealth Electric Company of the Midwest continues to expand our presence and capabilities across western Nebraska, we're excited to welcome talented professionals who will help support that growth.



Project Manager David Giron



Service Manager Dustin Miller

The addition of experienced leaders like David Giron and Dustin Miller strengthens our commitment to delivering exceptional service while continuing to invest in the communities we serve throughout Greater Nebraska.

We're excited to welcome David Giron to the Commonwealth Electric team as a Project Manager in our North Platte office.

David joined Commonwealth in September and brings a wealth of industry experience, having served as an Electrical Inspector Supervisor with the Nebraska State Electrical Division, worked as an electrical contractor, and taught continuing education courses across Nebraska. His courses are also approved for use in Nebraska, Wyoming, and Colorado.

Originally from McCook, NE, David enjoys competition BBQ, home renovation projects, music, and spending time with his fiancée and three children. He's also a devoted Denver Broncos fan. As he settles into his new role, he's looking forward to learning, building relationships, and taking on new challenges.

We're also excited to recognize Dustin Miller, who recently transitioned into the role of Service Manager for our Greater Nebraska (North Platte) team.

Dustin began his Commonwealth journey in the field in February 2020 after spending six years with another electrical contractor. In August 2026, he moved into the office to take on his leadership role, bringing with him years of hands-on experience and industry knowledge.

Originally from Rising City, NE, Dustin enjoys hunting, fishing, and making the most of every moment with his wife and two children. In his new role, he enjoys applying his field experience to support customers, projects, and the continued growth of the Greater Nebraska team.

The continued growth of our North Platte operations reflects opportunities throughout western Nebraska and Commonwealth's commitment to building strong local teams. Please join us in welcoming David and congratulating Dustin on his new role as they help lead the next chapter of success for our team.

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