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Please welcome our recent hires:

Robert Bates – Estimator (Acquisitions), Michael Chiaia – Assistant Estimator (Acquisitions), John Dillon – Vice President, Operations (PJS Electric, Inc.), Charles Lovastik - Sr. Project Manager (PJS Electric, Inc.), Terry Maguire – Sr. Project Manager (PJS Electric, Inc.), Riley Sullivan – Project Engineer (PEX Queirolo), Michael Zysk – Vice President, Project Executive (Paul J. Scariano, Inc.)

Project Team Updates:

<u>Paul J. Scariano, Inc.</u> Toscano's PEX Team

Team Toscano has had a busy and productive year so far! There have been weekly GO's occurring simultaneously at several projects for the MTA at Greenpoint, Bedford, Union Square, and Canarsie. There is a big push to complete a majority of the work due to the cancellation of the L line shutdown. To reduce the amount of service outages for commuters, we provided a new proposed staircase in less than 3 weeks, and major construction has been limited to off peak hours. This effort was considered impossible by the

At Joralemon St, we continue civil support for E Electric. In addition, we expect to be awarded another project in Manhattan and the Bronx for component repairs for \$10.4M.

At World Trade Center, we currently hold four contracts with Tishman and The Port Authority, where work has commenced on the latest flood barrier project. Since our last update, two projects have been completed at Brookfield and Battery Park. We're expected to begin the closeout process at Roy Wilkins Recreation Center for the NYC Parks Dept.

The steel erection has commenced at Louis Armstrong. We also started Perlman Art Center (PAC 07) PA / WBVA. PJS is the only contractor with Cornell Iron Works, Inc. to work for PAC. During this period, PJS engineered, shored, and wire cut to major columns from Tower 1 to allow the new installation of a 378,000 lb girder, aka Big Bertha, that bridges PAC and WTC 1.

Vulcano's PEX Team

RK-75 was completed at the end of March 2019, all demolition work has concluded. There were several stages of additional asbestos abatement work, that have all been completed. The new generator installation has been

tested and turned over to the TBTA. The platform for the generator has been installed. The final fire pump test is completed, and TBTA has been trained on their new Pre-Action System and Fire Pump.

Lehman College is complete. Closeout documents, warranties, and guarantees have been submitted. Project has been fully demobilized.

UPCOMING EVENTS Training

NEW PROJECTS

Component Repairs - \$10M

Construct Sidewalks - \$2.8M

ITS Signs - \$27.6M

Safety Training - 5/15/2019

Social

PJS Family Picnic - 6/8/2019

Queirolo's PEX Team

The Complex Ped Ramps project has remobilized after shutting down for the winter. Three catch basins have been installed. We are currently working to install the remainder of the catch basins while also competing with utility interference relocations.

The Simple Ped Ramp project remains shut down for the winter and aiming to mobilize for the first Task Order by April.

Window installation is nearing completion at all 5 NYC DPR Comfort stations. Installation of the perforated screen panels has commenced. Four out of the five sites have received a BEC electrical inspection approval and are on track for Con-ED power. Pending plumbing inspection, occupancy approval and registration of change orders, all five Comfort Stations will be ready for turnover to the public by Summer of 2019.

Construction of the new Nature Center at Idlewild Park is underway at Idlewild Park. Crews worked the tough



OPEN POSITIONS: Construction Scheduler, Project Manager, Superintendent,
Deputy Bid Administrator, Project Engineer
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winter months to break ground on foundation excavation and place concrete for the footings. Spring will bring a flurry of activity as the foundation is completed and construction of the building structure continues.

Design errors with respect to the surge tank at Jesse Owens Pool have delayed the progress. A stop work order was issued by the Parks Department until the redesign is complete. This will be a change order to PJS.

Zysk's PEX Team

Just getting started! Helping start the Texas projects.

<u>DeBoe Construction Corp.</u> DeBonis' PEX Team

Sanitary sewers, storm sewers, and distribution water mains, various Queens locations.

Currently there are two crews completing underground work. At the end of March, one crew moved to underground work on SEQNS002539. The remaining underground crew will finish the balance of the underground work in April. On Monday, March 25, we welcomed a new foreman and restoration crew to complete the final restoration of this project.

QED1047 – Distribution water mains, Queens and the Bronx. The project broke ground as scheduled on January 2, and the first half of the project was successfully completed as of March 21.

<u>SEQ002539</u> – Sanitary sewers, storm sewers, and distribution water mains in 204th Street, Queens. Installation of the water mains began on Monday, March 25.

<u>SEQ200490</u> – Storm sewers and distribution water mains in 95th Street, Queens scheduled to commence work the beginning of May.

We'd like to welcome Cristian Sande, Supervisor, to the team.

<u>PJS Electric, Inc.</u> Dillon's PEX Team

Integrated Service Information Management (ISIM) This new and exciting project was recently officially awarded to PJS Electric as the Prime Contractor and is slated to be completed in Q3 2021.

George Washington Bridge- Intelligent Transportation System Replacement

We completed the qualification meeting with the Port Authority of New York/ New Jersey and received approval on our minority participation plan. The duration of the project is 36 months.

Police Radio Enhancement at 59 Stations

We will be starting field installations on April 15, 2019. This project is schedule for completion in June of 2020.

Fire Alarm Replacement at # Bus Depots

PJS Electric has completed all installation work and is currently in the testing phase at the Gun Hill facility. JFK/Spring Creek Bus Depots

We are 95% completed with all field work and are now preforming fiber terminations and testing. Verizon-1095 Avenue of the Americas

We have been working very closely with the Construction Manager to maintain the original schedule in spite of an unexpected abatement project in all areas of our work.

Staff Contribution: The Origins of Texas Hold'em



"The exact origins of Hold'em remain a bit murky. However, most agree the game was birthed in its namesake state (Texas) in the town of Robstown sometime during the early 1900's. There, in the great Lone Star state, it remained virtually unnoticed for decades until this poker

genre was finally launched in 1967 in Las Vegas.

Crandell Addington, a key contributor to Vegas poker culture, touted Hold'em as a "thinking man's game."
Unlike other poker versions that rely heavily on luck, Addington noted this style of play allows strategic thinking and execution, igniting initial interest amongst players. While strategic play definitely garnered some preliminary attention, location may have played a major role in Hold'em remaining virtually unknown upon its debut. Gamers hoping to play a few hands of this game could only do so at the infamous Golden Nugget. Known for sawdust floors and dodgy clientele, the Nugget rarely welcomed high rollers, thus limiting people's overall exposure to the game.

By the late summer of 1964, Guy McAfee was the best-known big shot in Las Vegas. McAfee, 58, had spent more than \$1 million to open the Golden Nugget casino on August 30th. Located on downtown's Fremont



Street, the Golden Nugget was the largest gambling house in town." www.visitblackhawk.org/blog/history-of-texas-hold-em/. Texas Hold'em is now so popular, that construction powerhouse, PJS Group, now holds a yearly tournament for it's employees.

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