



LOCAL 399 OPERATING ENGINEERS

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DETAILS>>

“We believe education is the key to our future success as a trade union of Illinois and Indiana,” says Brian Hickey, President and Business Manager of Chicago’s Local 399 Operating Engineers. That philosophy was behind the creation of a state-of-the-art, 48,000 square foot training center and union hall for Local 399. Members will use the facility to attend classes, work in labs and take care of membership business. The site, located on the Chicago River, is part of Chicago’s Brownfield Projects program.

CHALLENGES>>

“We wanted to be sure that the company hired to install systems controls would not only help us create an energy efficient building, but also be able to handle more than just HVAC,” says Roger McGinty, Business Representative for Local 399. “We were looking for a ‘go-to’ group who could be responsible – and reliable – for complete manning of all systems controls for the facility, from security to HVAC. We also had a few unique needs which would require a group with the expertise to customize solutions.”

SOLUTIONS>>

Having worked with ESI (Environmental Systems, Inc.) on an upgrade project at Chicago City Hall, McGinty felt they were ideal for Local 399’s project. “ESI’s prices were very competitive,” he notes. “In combination with the value they offered, we knew ESI would be the best fit for the project.”

According to McGinty, that turned out to be the case. “ESI has helped us optimize our energy efficiencies, which will save us money. Plus, ESI is one-stop shopping,” he says. “They handled installation, programming and commissioning for the facility’s HVAC, video security and card access systems. When we also asked for an asset management system, ESI came up with a solution for us. Now, we have a single source for both security and HVAC... a group of experts we can depend on.”

In fact, McGinty says Local 399 is so impressed with the level of ESI’s expertise that they plan to have them train their facilities’ engineers. “They have the knowledge to help us gain more energy efficiencies from our systems controls. That’s better for the owners and better for the environment.”

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ADDED ADVANTAGES

Overall, McGinty felt that ESI was a major contributor to the success of the project. “I’m a big believer in teamwork,” McGinty says. “ESI worked well with both the mechanical contractor and the owner. They were usually ahead of their deadlines and waiting for other people to catch up. Their commitment to the project’s success makes them a good partner.”

ESI installed energy efficient systems controls that will enable Local 399 to earn a rapid return on its investment. Other benefits the union will achieve include:

- Improved comfort levels
- A more user-friendly system
- Fast service response through remote access and control
- Peace of mind due to a comprehensive, reliable security system
- Time savings created by an easy-to-use asset management system

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