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Boston's Dudley Square Gets an Underground 'Face-Lift'

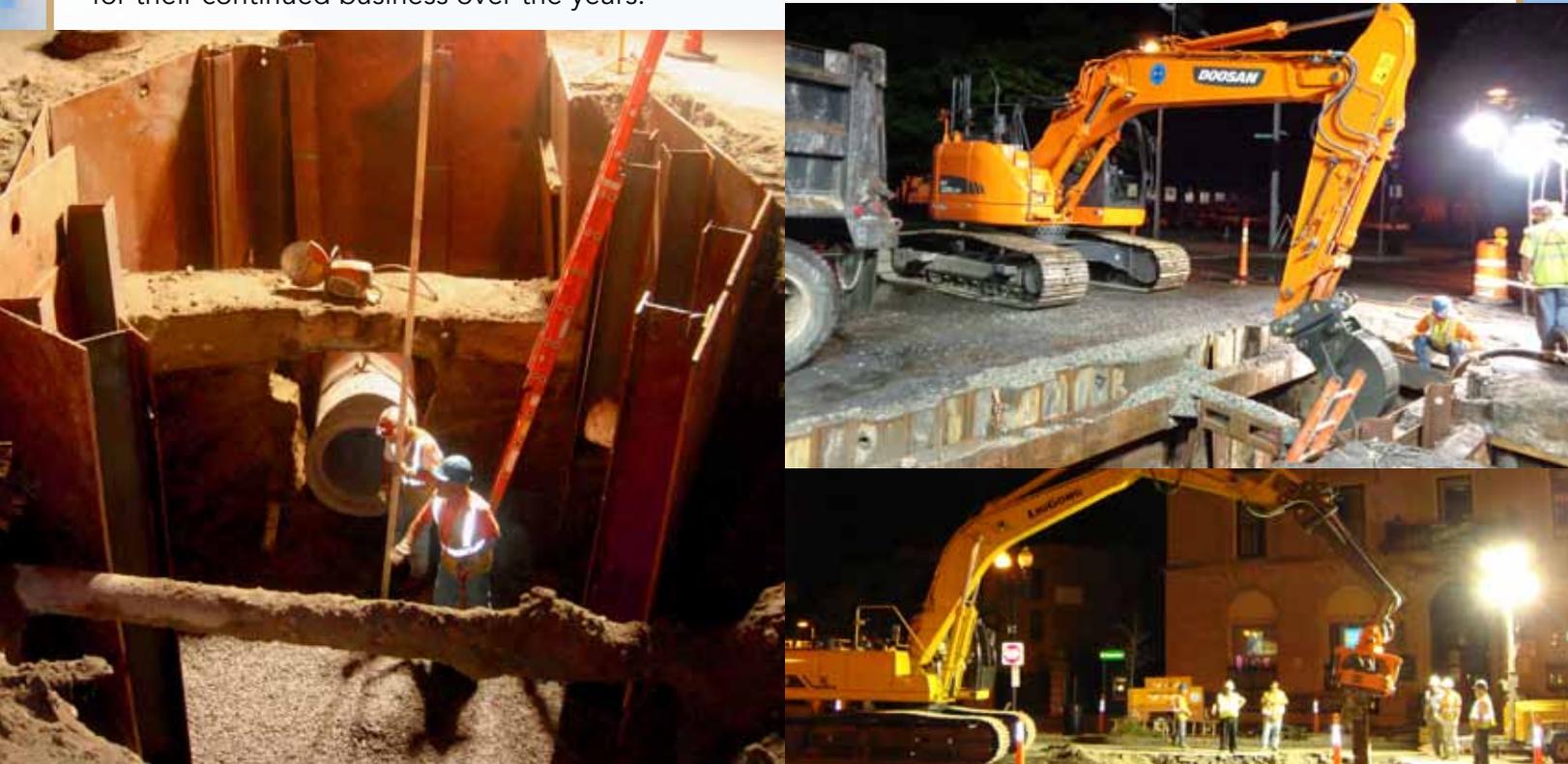
Boston Water and Sewer Commission and Albanese D&S, Inc., are at work on a sewer separation project. This project is taking place in the very tight quarters of the Roxbury neighborhood of Boston. The work includes installation of the following:

- 4,607 linear feet of sanitary sewers
- 9,305 linear feet of water mains
- 9,539 linear feet of storm drains
- 2,514 linear feet of rehabilitated sewer/drain

Work will continue on this project through summer of 2014 and Team EJP will continue to provide the high level of service our clients have come to know and expect. Team EJP would like to thank Albanese D&S for the confidence they have placed in us and for their continued business over the years.

The majority of this work involves separating the combined sewer system in the Dudley Square area. The purpose of this project is to reduce pollution levels in Boston Harbor by substantially decreasing the number and volume of combined sewer overflows (CSOs) into the Fort Point Channel and Boston Harbor. The Boston Water & Sewer Commission is making the Dudley Square separation work a priority to accommodate redevelopment plans for the area.

This work is taking place both day and night, with multiple crews during all hours of operation. This requires much coordination on the part of Albanese and was part of the selection criteria for subs and vendors. Team EJP is excited to be a part of this carefully selected team.



University of Prescott: Becoming Part of the Team

By Mike Leimbach

Starting as a University of Prescott student was a pretty intimidating couple of months; the first few weeks were comparable to standing at the bottom of a mountain and thinking “I have to get up there?” After six months, the program, along with the perspective, has begun to change. We’ve come to see that just about every member of the company will take a minute to give us a leg up when we come to an impasse, and as we learn, opportunities come around to return the favor and teach others.

With a little experience under our belts, the game has changed from freshman on the bench to skating with the starters. With a little bit of knowledge in our pockets, the understanding of how our products and company function grows exponentially. I can think of no better analogy than playing for a team. Anywhere from product selection to digging in the trenches, all the way through customer service, pricing, and the inner workings of Team EJP, it’s



been a story of patience and hard work when it comes to making sure we understand how it all happens.

So from day 1 to day 213, the perspective has changed, from a daunting climb by yourself to an exciting challenge knowing that there will be a hand to help you when you need it to—from “I have to get up there?” to “We are getting there.”



Great Works Dam Removal Outfall Replacement

In the spring of 2012, R.F. Jordan and Sons Construction, Inc., of Ellsworth, ME, was awarded the contract to remove the 130-year-old Great Works Dam in Old Town. The dam removal is part of a larger project to restore Atlantic salmon runs on the Penobscot River.

A major part of the project was to lower the 36” outfall from the Old Town Wastewater Treatment Facility and extend it 100’ further out into the river. It was anticipated that the dam removal would lower the water approximately ten feet in the vicinity of the outfall, leaving it exposed if no measures were taken.

The existing outfall consisted of a 36” HDPE line extending 250’ into the river. The plans called for the new line to be a 36” preinsulated Class 52 restrained joint ductile iron pipe extending 350’ into the river. A bypass and temporary outfall were required to allow installation of the new outfall. This temporary outfall would be a 36” DR17 HDPE pipe.

Jim Saucier of Lynch Contractors, the R.F. Jordan subsidiary tasked with this portion of the project, turned to Kris Arsenault of Team EJP’s Gardiner Division to supply the materials and for consultation. In early September, Team EJP provided a T900 Tracstar fusion machine and staff to fuse the temporary outfall together. E.J. Prescott and Lynch Contractors worked hand in hand to fuse the pipe together, with Lynch providing the manpower and equipment to move and hold the heavy pipe during the fusion process, and the Prescott staff providing their expertise and equipment to actually fuse the pipe. The completed pipe was floated out into the river and weighted down with concrete collars.

The Great Works Dam Removal project won a 2013 Build Maine Award for R.F. Jordan and Sons Construction, Inc. The award is sponsored by Associated General Contractors of America.

Technology Seminar Held at Ohio Northern University

Partnering with the College of Engineering at Ohio Northern University (ONU), Team EJP ran a full day technology workshop on the university's Ada, OH, campus in March of this year. ONU's College of Engineering has an outstanding reputation, with a 94% placement rate of its engineering and computer science graduates.

The planning process for the event started in October of 2012. At that time, Team EJP's Matt Molaski and Pete Hanrahan met with ONU faculty member Douglass S. Degen to discuss the possibility of holding an engineering seminar on campus. Mr. Degen, who is also Drainage Engineer for Ohio's Allen County, had earlier hosted Team EJP's Bob Moody and Pete Hanrahan as guest lecturers for his students.

The March 27 seminar sold out at 80 participants. The program included a morning track centered around jobsite sediment control and ground stabilization, while the afternoon track focused on the drinking water industry.

Most of the participants were engineering students, but the attendees also included Ohio Northern University faculty members, Ohio area engineers, and other industry professionals.

Logistics for the seminar were handled by Team EJP's Lima, OH, Division, led by Manager Holly Dunson.

For the morning session, Team EJP's Pete Hanrahan led off with a discussion of Jobsite Sediment Control Technology. He was followed by Mike Clements, Regional Sales Manager for Huesker, Inc., who presented information on ground stabilization, pavement rehabilitation, and erosion control.

Speakers in the afternoon session included Team EJP's Rod Taylor and Jack Blade, along with Blue Earth Labs sales representative Jeff Watson and Pete Greiner, NSF International. The afternoon portion of the program concentrated on important trends and new laws impacting the drinking water industry.



Indiana Superintendents Receive Award

The Indiana NE Section of the AWWA recently held its spring meeting at the Eagle Glen conference center in Columbia City, IN. NE Section president Tim Brown, of Team EJP, and NE Section trustee Justin Stouder, of Hamilton, had the honor of presenting two retiring Utility Superintendents with the Golden Yoke Award. This award is for the dedicated service the recipient displays in his community and to the water industry in northeast Indiana. Those receiving awards on May 16th at the spring meeting were Dan Olis of Angola, IN, and Jim Inskeep of Decatur, IN.

Thank you, Dan and Jim, for your selfless years of service to the water industry.



New Shrewsbury Location Holds Open House

On the 25th of April, Team EJP Shrewsbury held its first Open House – we say “first” as it was such a success that we have begun contemplating having a similar event every spring! While the weather seemed bleak at the start of the morning, it eventually cleared up nicely to allow us to set up everything outside.

Contractors and municipal workers alike began arriving as early as 9 a.m. to tour the brand-new showroom and warehouse, have a chance to meet with our in-house staff, as well as vendors and the sister companies of E.J. Prescott, have a wonderful lunch catered by Creedon & Co. from Worcester, MA, and pick up a free Team EJP T-shirt. In addition to vendor demonstration booths, we also had the service technician from Team EJP Springfield onsite showcasing our portable trench box and performing a demonstration of McElroy fusion equipment.

We held a raffle during the course of the day with prizes ranging from vendor merchandise and attire to gift certificates from Dunkin’ Donuts, Dick’s Sporting Goods, and the grand prize from L.L.Bean.

We’d like to thank our vendor representatives from **Sensus, Tensar, Certified Erosion Control, A.Y. McDonald, Sigma, Roth Tanks, ADS, Romac, SIP Industries, Griffin Pipe, and American Flow Control** and our fellow employees from **Red Hed Manufacturing, Plastic Pipe Fabrication, PEP Transportation, and Quality Water Products** for contributing their time and effort to helping promote the newest division of Team EJP.

A great time was had by all, and we look forward to seeing you at the next one!



SHARP Recognition for Maine Divisions

The three Maine divisions—Bangor, Gardiner, and Portland—received their (SHARP) Safety Health Achivement Reconition Program Award renewal. The Team members at these divisions have worked very hard to receive this award for the outstanding safety record of Team E.J.Prescott.



Peter Prescott, CEO, Steven Prescott, President, Steve Greeley, Maine Dept. of Labor, and Ray Morang, Team EJP Safety Manager

Best Wishes to Donnie Alexander!

It is with some personal regret but warm and best wishes that we announce the retirement of Don Alexander effective June 30th.

Donnie has been a highly valued and trusted employee, having dedicated 40 years to E.J. Prescott.

Donnie started at E.J. Prescott in June of 1973. Donnie started out working for our founder, Everett J. Prescott, with duties ranging from unloading mechanical joint fittings from

railcars and cement lining them, to weekly trips to Gorham, NH, to meet up with our Vermont and New Hampshire locations to process paperwork, and even working inside sales providing advice on various products and situations. In the last 25 years, Donnie has been an invaluable fixture in the Maine waterworks industry as an outside salesperson.

We all extend our best wishes as Donnie travels down his next journey in life. Thank you for your years of service! Congratulations and good luck from all of us at Team EJP!



June 3, 2013

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Rhode Island State Conservation Committee Thanks Team EJP's Pete Hanrahan

Dear Mr. Hanrahan:

On behalf of the Rhode Island State Conservation Committee and the Rhode Island Conservation and Development Council, we would like to express our sincere thanks to you and E J Prescott for 'loaning' us your expertise in assisting the Committee with the update of the *Rhode Island Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook* was invaluable. We have been fortunate to have you as a member of our Technical Review Committee (TRC) in completing the first Phase of the update. All together, TRC members contributed well over one staff year of talent to this update.

As you are aware, the *Handbook*, first issued in 1986, was last updated and printed in 1989. Copies of the *Handbook*, if they could be found, were no longer current nor were they available in print. This *Handbook* is a critical resource to all the state and federal agencies and to the cities and towns within Rhode Island who either reference or cite sections of the *Handbook* when addressing planning or zoning regulation issues.

The update to this *Handbook* was critical so as to provide the most current technical guidance for soil erosion and sediment control practices for construction sites on lands being developed for residential, commercial, industrial or recreational use.

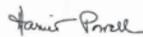
This updated *Handbook* will address the need for added chapters on Bio-engineering and management strategies, as well as updated reference sections and will provide the latest technical and technological information available to government officials, developers, property owners, and others dealing with land use management.

We understand that you brought into the planning process a wide range of expertise and experience and the time that you were able to commit to this project was supported by your company. We anticipate that the final version of the *Handbook* will be released this late summer and we hope that your and other staff in at E J Prescott will be as proud of your company's contribution to it as we are. Without this type of support from the private sector, this project would not have been possible.

Sincerely,

Eric Offenberg, Chair

Harriett Powell, President



Rhode Island State Conservation Committee

RI Resource Conservation and Development

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I was one of only two individuals from outside the state of Rhode Island to be invited to contribute to this committee. As this handbook was last updated and printed in 1989, I was asked to join the committee to help with updates related to rapidly expanding new erosion and sediment control technology. Obviously, I could not have done this without the support of the company.



—Pete Hanrahan

Team EJP Customer Appreciation Day

On May 9, 2013, Team EJP Pittsfield and on May 23, 2013, Team EJP Whately hosted Customer Appreciation Days. Mark and Dennis grilled hamburgers and hot dogs for 65–70 customers that showed up at both stores, and a good time was had by all. Western Mass. Manager, Lester Quinn even put in an appearance. A special thanks to Chad Martin and Jeremy Hague for their help in Pittsfield and to Jeremy Golec and Peter Hull for helping in Whately.

The vendors we had were a big hit. John Stelmokes from ADS and Jed Milardo from US Saws had the ductile chain saw. Keith Morin from QWP always has something new, and Romac Industries displayed the new Alpha coupling. Our newest vendor, Blake Johnson from Orenco Systems, attended with the latest in septic pumps and filters.



QWP Goes Global

The L.L.G.A. Cities Summit was held this past May in San Francisco, CA, at the Fort Mason Conference Center. The purpose of the summit was to bring together experts from businesses and research institutes to facilitate global sharing of innovations and high-tech solutions to improve the quality of life and efficiency of major cities. One of the areas targeted as a problem in major cities was the crumbling infrastructure and, more specifically, manhole rehabilitation.

When Keith Morin of QWP learned that there was an opportunity to present the many new age solutions he had for the problems of deteriorating castings and structures under the roadway in cities all over the world, he began the process of getting himself on the program.

In order to be invited to the Citymart Living Labs Global Association Summit as a presenter, Keith was required to write and submit a presentation identifying the challenge and then creating and offering a viable solution to that challenge with various implications in mind, such as cost, environmental impact, liability issues, and social as well as political impacts. There were three separate stages of review done by the board, each requiring an additional written presentation involving various interests of the city. Keith's presentations were approved, and he was invited to the summit as a finalist.

Having been chosen, Keith attended the summit and presented his solutions to city officials from all over the world as did many professionals in many disciplines so that information sharing could benefit those that attended. Four out of the hundreds of presenters were chosen as award winners. Keith was one of them! The award winners were given an opportunity to start a pilot program with a major city using the ideas submitted.

The city of Boston was represented at the conference by the Commissioner of Public Works, Joanne P. Massaro,

who along with other city government officials, approached Keith and awarded Quality Water Products the opportunity to start a pilot program, New Urban Mechanics, through the mayor's office. The goal is now to incorporate the summit ideas and products to help solve some of the City's challenges with its roadway structures.

Since this great event back in May, Keith has already toured the city with officials from Boston Water and Sewer, Mass. Highway, Verizon, N Star, Urban Development, and others to get a feel for the scope of what needs to be done and start the process of deciding the best solutions for each case. Drawings and samples are next with implementation of solutions to follow.

Congratulations to Keith Morin of QWP for being part of this summit, receiving an award, and going forward with his pilot study with the city of Boston.





From Our Team to Yours...
Happy Summer!

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Boston Strong!

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