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## GreenStar Rated #1 Second Year Running

For the second year running, GreenStar Services Corporation, was named the Number One Specialty Contractor in New York by McGraw-Hill's New York Construction magazine. The results of the survey conducted, by completing a questionnaire, will be published in the August issue of the magazine.

Heading a list of 50 specialty contractors, GreenStar Services Corporation was more than \$31,000,000 ahead of its nearest competitor in

total revenue for the calendar year.

Under the GreenStar banner, WDF and Five Star Electric combined for revenues of \$648,000,000. This was an increase of \$86,000,000 over the previous year. (Nagelbush Mechanical, another Greenstar Company is located in Florida and was not counted in the New York survey.)

As major projects surface, along with the Federal stimulus package to build infrastructure projects in New York, the potential for even greater

revenue exists.

President and CEO of WDF, Joseph LoCurto also serves as President and COO of GreenStar Corporation.

RANK	COMPANY	\$MILLIONS
1	GreenStar Services Corp.	\$ 648.00
2	EMCOR Group, Inc.	\$ 616.57
3	Fresh Meadow Mechanical Corp.	\$ 171.00
4	E-J Electric Installation Co.	\$ 159.00
5	Unity International Group	\$ 141.77

## NYCTA Projects Begin in the Rockaways

The New York City Transit Authority awarded two new contracts to the WDF GC division at the end of January and in the beginning of February. The two contracts will include renovation of the train stations on the IND line in Far Rockaway and Rockaway Park, New York.

The projects include a total of eight train stations to be transformed and updated on the north and south sides of the tracks. The total value will exceed \$100,000,000.

The projects entail demolition and restoration of the platforms, new windscreens on all platforms and stations and new canopies on some stairways. We will refurbish the token booths on the mezzanine levels and renovate the transit personnel areas for each station.

This is the first renovation of the stations since their opening in the 1950's. The projects -which run from 25th Street to 105th Street along the train line- need considerable exterior repairs and renovations along with



"When the two projects are completed, it will eliminate an eyesore and rejuvenate pride in the neighborhood," Rich Miceli, Project Executive.

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# 96" Sluice Gate Removed at Jamaica

WDF millwrights, timbermen and laborers, under the direction of our superintendents and the Safety Department removed a 96" rusted sluice gate from the Jamaica Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP).

The sluice gate which hadn't been operated for more than 20 years was frozen in the open position causing concern to the NYC DEP that it might drop unexpectedly creating a problem with the flow of liquids to the Plant.

The millwrights secured and prepared the gate to be rigged for removal. The actuator was drained of any hydraulic fluids.

WDF removed all hardware



holding the unit in place and attempted to lift the sluice gate, but the gate didn't move.

Ironworkers proceeded to excise the frozen portions of the gate and were able to pull the gate assembly free. Eventually, the gate was successfully lifted onto an awaiting flatbed and taken away.

The difficult and complicated gate removal was completed successfully. Safety, as always, was the major concern. Proper planning by the millwrights along with a great crew of assisting personnel made for a job well done.

*Information contributed by Ted Keenan*

# Old Glory Gets a Proper Resting Place

A new American flag flies above 30 North MacQuesten Parkway thanks to the efforts of Marty Rosen. Time and the weather damaged the older flag that flew above the building for many years. Last winter Marty replaced the old with the new and kept the old until it could receive the proper disposal from a Mount Vernon Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) lodge.

But, how do you dispose of an

American flag? It doesn't go out with the trash. The only definitive answer is found in the US Flag Code which states: "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

Marty delivered the flag to the VFW lodge and the President who graciously accepted the flag and the responsibility to dispose of it properly.



# NYCTA Projects Begin Cont'd

repairs of structural portions to withstand the sea air that is a constant cause of corrosion in the area along the beach front.

Headed by Senior Vice President, Ed Seaman, a very able crew is in place including Rich Miceli Project Executive, and Rich Curran, General Superintendent. Bill Loftus is the Chief Engineer. The Project Engineers for the eight stations are Andrew De-Coursy, Rich Trezza, Vladimir Gotman and Jeff Bradley.

Ed Seaman said, "We've put together an extremely good group of professionals who not only understand the projects but also know how to complete them on time and within budget."



# One WTC and WTC Tower Four : Update on Two Special Projects

It's been a year since we were awarded the two contracts at the World Trade Center site. The contracts for One World Trade Center (formerly named the Freedom Tower) and World Trade Center Tower Four were then and continue to be special projects for New York and for the WDF employees on site.

Perhaps the most significant new landmark in New York City, the WTC sites are scheduled to be completed in 2013.

Work at both sites is ongoing. Senior Project Manager, Ernest Martinez is overseeing the project for the HVAC division with very able support from General Superintendent Glen Moody and Assistant PM Meghan Curtis.

"It's an honor to work on the project and to be part of the rebuilding of this important New York site. I treasure this ground," said Glen Moody.

On a recent site visit to the ongoing work at Tower Four, Geoff Newson and Rick Barker were setting the wall sleeves for future piping between the mountains of rebar. The work was difficult, but it was completed with careful



precision and attention to safety.

Security is a mainstay of working at the site. Each morning the men and women arrive and enter at the several security checkpoints. Each person must have his/her photo ID badge scanned before entering. Even guests to the site must be



WDF worked on all of the following buildings in this photo.

1. WTC Tower Four, 2. One WTC, 3. 7 WTC, 4. Verizon Building, 5. Goldman Sachs World Headquarters, 6. Financial Center

signed in at a nearby trailer, then identified by showing proper photo ID and given a day pass to the site which is retrieved at departure; perhaps, a time consuming but necessary procedure.

WDF, through our HVAC division, will complete the piping portion of the heating and cooling contract for this iconic NYC building. The 65 floor office project is part of the major rebuilding of the World Trade Center site. Over 900 feet tall, it represents significant vertical transport of equipment and piping and major logistical problems.

Included will be steam pressure reducing stations, cooling towers, chillers, air handling units with associated primary and secondary condenser water systems and ancillary equipment, perimeter hot water systems and fuel oil systems to emergency generators.

Our plumbing division, Number One in New York, according to *New York Construction*, will complete the core and shell components of this 1776 feet tall high rise commercial office building at One World Trade Center. The work

will include: installation of sanitary and domestic water systems, the natural gas system, the toilet rooms and accessories and the Pavilion drainage system.

Senior Project Manager Anatoliy Korostyshevskiy, who leads this team, said, "It is a privilege to work on this project." Eugene Biklher, PM and Paul Mongone APM are assisting Korostyshevskiy in the pre-planning and preparation of all documents for the project. WDF draftsmen Tony Constantino, Scott Thompson and Daniel Masi are busy drawing each day.

"We should be in the field in a month or two," said Korostyshevskiy. "Steve Underberg will definitely be the foreman with Jimmy Romagnoli as the probable superintendent."

Two 10,000 pound pumps will be installed on the 102nd floor with another, smaller pump. A logistical concern will be the dismantling of the large pumps and reassembling them on the floor. In total, the plumbing division will install the core and shell for 93 floors of the \$83,000,000.00 contract.

# Chairman's Message

From the desk of Larry Roman

## LOOKING INTO MY CRYSTAL BALL

From the time I entered this business more than 30 years ago, I have always tried to be ahead of the curve by anticipating the future of our economy.

In today's nebulous world however, it is nearly impossible for even the most clairvoyant, the most brilliant, the most analytical people to predict where our country, our markets, and our global economy are heading. I personally have NO CLUE.

I do however see a bright future for WDF Inc. and GreenStar. The diversified model we have constructed and improved upon over the last decade, has allowed us the ability to survive almost any market and prosper in most.

The different divisions we maintain are all equally vital to the success

and stability of our company. A human needs his brain, his torso, and his heart to function. An automobile needs not just its engine, but its wheels, its carriage and its fuel to run. So, too, all of the different specialties of WDF Inc. are CRITICAL to our survival and success in the future.

In order for WDF Inc. to meet its goals, each division must steadfastly pursue completion of the contracts within budget and aggressively pursue cash collections, which is the LIFE-BLOOD of all profit making organizations.

President and CEO, Joe LoCurto has stated, "We are one company, one heartbeat." That truism has never been more accurate than in the current economic climate. The infrastructure arena is currently filled with numerous projects to bid on and with



our combined support of all three divisions we will be able to fully capitalize on the opportunities afforded us.

## EEO Training is Part of the WDF Way

David Richardson, HR Director and Becky Tung, General Counsel, organized Equal Employment Opportunity and Workplace Harassment training for all non-union employees.

The law firm of Littler and Mendelson PC conducted the three days of training at the warehouse to teach the federal, state and local guidelines for EEO laws.

President and CEO, Joseph LoCurto called for the training to establish WDF's commitment to the EEO laws and policies.

The EEO office team of Vania Lopes, Jeremy Thompson and Geeta Kahn met to help establish the topics for the training sessions. Their efforts resulted in the training delivered to the WDF employees.

## Paul Mongone Spears Bronze in Javelin



Paul Mongone, APM and javelin competitor, reached a milestone recently by winning a Bronze medal in the javelin at Randall's Island USA-Track and Field Club National Championship on July 10th. Paul's efforts helped catapult his team, the Shore Athletic Club, to the team championship.

As a junior in high school, Paul began his journey with the javelin. Later

at Rutgers University he continued his winning ways. But a torn cartilage in 2003 sidetracked him.

Long hours of rehabilitation and dogged practice sessions helped Paul return to a level that offers him a foundation for future successes in the elite class of competitors.

The injury hampered Paul's timetable for success, but not his resolve. "I've learned patience and I have gained an unwavering commitment to my sport."



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