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49ers Fans Love The New High-Tech Levi's Stadium, Wired By Cupertino Electric

Photography By Scott Poore

Cupertino Electric, electrical contractor for the Levi's Stadium, opened is doors for the San Francisco 49ers' first regular season game on September 14, 2014.

For Cupertino Electric, Inc., one of the nation's largest and most skilled electrical contractors, wiring the San Francisco 49ers' new home, Levi's® Stadium, was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Photography By Cupertino Electric, Inc.

Cupertino Electric coordinated the logistics of incoming items for the wiring at Levi's Stadium.

Acting in a design-build capacity, Cupertino Electric, Inc. (CEI) fast-tracked the electrical construction for the complex, 1.85 million square foot project in 18 months, bringing it in on time and on budget.

(View drawing of CEI's work at Levi's Stadium on pages 4-5)

At the peak of construction, CEI employed 260 electricians and 60 technicians, all from IBEW Local 332 in San Jose. Turner Construction Company and Devcon Construction Inc. served as the general contractor in a joint venture. The architect was HNTB Corporation.

CEI wired many interrelated projects at the stadium, building out the massive electrical infrastructure and installing a 375 Kilowatt (kW) solar energy system. (Levi's Stadium is LEED Gold Certified.)

CEI built complex teledata; wireless and distributed antenna systems (DAS); designed the stadium's sports field lighting and club lighting; installed the power distribution and control system; and installed a state-of-the-art fire alarm system. The various systems serve many different areas within the stadium. In addition to over 68,000 seats, the stadium contains 400,000 square-feet of meeting space, an interactive museum, concession areas that can feed 70,000 people, hotel-quality luxury suites, sophisticated broadcast studios and a team store.

The mammoth sports venue has enough wire to link San Francisco to Los Angeles, is lit by 16,000 luminairies and contains enough wireless access points to support 70,000+ fans logging on simultaneously to their mobile device during a game.

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Cupertino Electric fast-tracked the electrical construction for the complex 1.85 million square foot project in 18 months, bringing it in on time and on budget.

The state-of-the-art wireless system has 1,250 wireless access points, a distributed antenna system (DAS), 600 antennas and 400 amplifiers to boost coverage for the major telecommunications carriers.

Cupertino Elecrtric installed solar panels on three 'energy bridges' and on the green roof.

The wireless system offers fans the ability to watch videos and high-definition replays only seconds after a play via the Levi's® Stadium mobile app. Through the app, fans from any seat in the stadium can order food, drinks and merchandise, which can be hand-delivered by stadium staff. Fans can also utilize the stadium app to purchase or transfer tickets and parking passes, and find the nearest concession stand or bathroom.

State-Of-The-Art

Under the supervision of Low Voltage Project Manager Dave Dorcak, CEI also installed Zebra Technologies' real-time location system (RTLS), an innovative technology that tracks players and officials, providing location-based data known as "NextGen Stats" to fans. The NextGen statistical system operates through sensors placed in players' shoulder pads that send signals to receivers CEI installed in the stadium. Signals are then routed to a software program, allowing coaches, players and the NFL to access precise player tracking of distance and speed, says Dorcak.

Working with a system designed by NRG Energy, Inc. and Sunora™ Energy Solutions, LLC, CEI installed the stadium's 375 kW solar panel system, comprised of more than 1,150 solar panels which sit on the solar terrace of the Levi's Stadium green roof and on three 'energy bridges' serving as the main entry and exit avenues to the stadium. The system generates enough electricity over the course of a year to offset the power consumed during 49ers home games.

"It's not every day you get to work on an NFL stadium," said Jim Medefesser, Cupertino Electric project executive for Levi's Stadium. Dave Dorcak, the low-voltage project manager, added "They wanted a contractor that could handle the schedule, the manpower and the technical aspects. We had the horsepower, with the ability to design/engineer and to do a fast-track schedule."

CEI was awarded the stadium project through a competitive bid and began working on the electrical design in February 2012. As a design-build contractor, CEI's engineers mapped out the entire electrical project before it got started. They used building information modeling (BIM) to foresee any electrical problems before they occurred. Four CEI engineering staff members worked to input electrical drawings into a BIM system, while in-house engineering and BIM teams oversaw and completed the stadium's electrical design two months ahead of schedule and within the construction budget.

Breaking Ground

CEI began working on the underground wiring at the stadium shortly after the approval of the design. Because of the fast-track time schedule, CEI's real-time engineering/construction approach was fundamental to the success of the project. CEI designers put concepts for the stadium to paper as those designs were being vetted by the architect. A specially tailored process for issuing updated sketches to the field allowed the CEI engineering team to transmit over 3,000 recordable changes quickly.

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CUPERTINO ELECTRIC TEAM LIST:

LEVI'S STADIUM

SERVICES:
Electrical, Data Communications, Wireless, DAS, Fire Alarm, Solar Electric, LED Lighting

OWNER:
The Stadium Authority of the City of Santa Clara

OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE:
Jack Hill

ARCHITECT:
HNTB Corporation, Kansas City, MO

GENERAL CONTRACTOR:
A joint venture of Turner Construction Company, New York and Devcon Construction, Milpitas, CA
Jonathan Harvey and Kesor Kim from Turner Devcon JV

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR:
Cupertino Electric, San Jose, CA

mmunity Icon: Levi's Stadium

Photography By Nick Elias

"If there were any changes, then our foremen were notified instantly and they could access the latest drawings instantly on their iPads," said Medefesser.

Looking Forward

CEI designed and built the entire electrical infrastructure for the stadium. The main service consists of two 12 Kilovolt (kV) feeders, rated at 12 megawatt (MW) each that have an automatic transfer contingency in the event that one feeder goes down. Each circuit can handle the facility's load on its own.

CEI installed four 3,333 Kilovolt-amp (kVA) doubled-sided substations in geographical quadrants of the stadium, with eight 4,000 amp and 480 volt switchboards. There are also two 500 kVA scoreboard substations and one 865 kVA substation for the DAS and communications. In addition, CEI installed a 1,330 kVA substation, with a 4,000 amp and 208 volt switchboard for show power and broadcast trucks, and one 200 kVA substation for the fire pump.

CEI also installed the structured cabling network, with network backbone cabling, built-out over 50 communications rooms throughout the stadium and also cabled the main server room. They also installed wiring for 2,400 internet protocol televisions (IPTV). Working with ICS-Integration, CEI installed and commissioned a state-of-the-art fire system.
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Photography By Cupertino Electric, Inc.

Cupertino Electric worked with both NRG Energy and Sunwa Solar to install a 375 kW solar panel system.

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A 'Hard Hat Hall Of Fame' features those that were worn by Cupertino Electric and other contractors who helped build Levi's Stadium.

Lighting The Future

CEI wired the stadium's sports lighting and suite lighting systems. 80% of the 16,000 luminairies feature LED technology, chosen for its performance, long life and reduced warm-up time. Through a central lighting control system with a graphical display, stadium staff can easily and conveniently illuminate only certain areas of the stadium for special events.

Project executive Jim Medefesser said there's something special about working on a project that will be a community icon for decades. "Every member of our team is just so proud to have worked on this job," he said.

For more information about Cupertino Electric, or its work on the stadium, contact Autumn Casadonte at Autumn_Casadonte@CEI.com or call 408.808.8034.

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Don Boresch, P.E.

Senior Project Manager:
Mark Montana

Project Managers:
Matt Sims; Jeff Lanpher

Low Voltage Project Manager:
Dave Dorcak

BIM:
Damien Dudley

Field Staff:
Brian Copland; Dave Coffaro; Kyle Hirayama; Tom Stone; Jason Buchanon

Over 300 electricians and technicians from IBEW Local 332, San Jose

FIRE SYSTEMS CONTRACTOR:
ICS-Integration

Services:
Design and engineering, materials, permitting, programming and commissioning

Project Executive:
Amir Mohammadian

SOLAR SYSTEMS VENDORS:
NRG Energy and Sunora™ Energy Solutions

Wiring 1.85 Million Square Feet At The San Francisco 49ers, Is A Multi

Wiring for state-of-the-art Fire Alarm System Controls, including Mass Notification Controls and Speaker/ Strobe Fire Detectors located throughout the stadium.

Wiring 52 communication closets and main server room

Wiring for scoreboard and two 500 kVA scoreboard substations

Power Distribution and Control Systems for lighting

Wiring for Hall of Fame and Museum, Team Store, Box Office and Broadcast Studios

Cabling for Internet Protocol Television system including 2,400 IPTV's

Receiver for NextG player tracl statistic system

Wiring for luxury suites, meeting spaces, food facilities and restaurants

Wiring of 1,150 solar panels located across Solar Terrace on Green Roof (174kW) and three 'Energy Bridges' (210 kW)

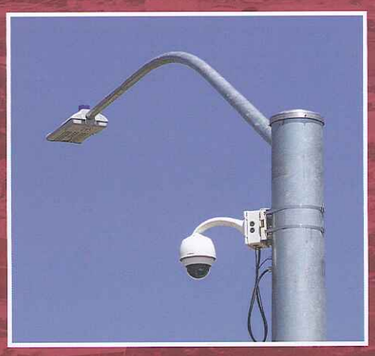
Wiring o four 3,333 doubled-si substations l geographica quadrant stadium

Levi's Stadium, The New Home Of
-Faceted Job For Cupertino Electric

Wiring of the state-of-the-art wireless system, which has 1,250 wireless access points, and distributed antenna system (DAS), which has 600 antennas and 400 amplifiers to boost coverage for the major telecommunications carriers

Network backbone cabling, structured cabling systems and raceway for all low-voltage systems

Lighting system controls 16,000 Luminaries (80% LED lights) for club and field lighting



Cabling for Security Camera System

FAST FACTS ABOUT LEVI'S STADIUM WIRING:

- More than 2.5 million linear feet of Cat 6A cable
- 450 miles of conduit
- 1700 miles of conductor
- 16,000 luminaries
- 13,000 circuit breakers
- 1,250 wireless access points
- 600 DAS antennas
- 52 telecom rooms
- Full server room/data center on site
- 2400 Internet Protocol Televisions
- 174 kW rooftop solar system
- 210 kW solar system installed on pedestrian bridges

Wiring for stadium's main service including two 12 kV feeders each rated at 12 megawatts (MW), distribution circuits for main feeders

Emergency Power Systems

One 1330 kVA substation for Show Power and Broadcast trucks

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