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State Electric Corp starts \$3.5 million electrical construction project at Lesley University: Team includes Bruner/Cott, Moriarty and Van Zelm

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State Electric Corp. has been awarded and is in early phase electrical construction of Lesley University's, College of Art & Design project on Massachusetts Ave. in Porter Sq. The new \$46 million Lunder Arts Center, a project for the college, integrates modern design and historic architecture. A contemporary four-story structure will connect to the historic former North Prospect Church by a three-story, glass wall commons. The commons will serve as the entrance to the Arts Center, opening to a plaza on Mass. Ave. The former church was relocated in November to a lot adjacent to the new facility, and in an adaptive reuse project will undergo an extensive restoration and renovation to incorporate an arts library and art studios.

The Lunder Arts Center will house classrooms, studios, digital and other labs, faculty offices, and flexible spaces for collaborative work. The ground floor will feature art exhibition spaces, designed to invite the public and enliven the streetscape.

State Electric's electrical project scope includes providing the facility's primary and emergency power, lighting and lighting control systems, and fire alarm system installations. The NECA contractor is currently providing temporary power to the site. SEC project manager Chris Mahoney and foreman Mark Federico are managing the project with an electrical field crew expected to reach upwards of 14 Local 103 electricians and technicians at peak construction. The complex project is scheduled for completion in October 2014.

The Lunder Arts Center, designed by Bruner/Cott & Associates, will be built to meet LEED Silver certification standards. John Moriarty and Associates is the project's general contractor. The project is partially funded by the Mass. Cultural Facilities Fund.

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