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Schaeffer Electric Co. Completes \$1.2 Million Project at Manchester Highlands

Three Stores in New West County Shopping Center Get Power on Tight Schedule

ST. LOUIS – St. Louis-based **Schaeffer Electric Co., Inc.** mastered a condensed schedule to electrify **Best Buy**, **Bed Bath & Beyond** and **Ulta Beauty** in West St. Louis County's newest major shopping center, **Manchester Highlands**, located at Manchester Road and Missouri Highway 141.

Opening in November 2008, construction at the shopping center was delayed by the region's abnormally wet spring. Schaeffer's \$1.2 million assignment – originally planned as an eight-month project – demanded completion in only five months.

“Meeting the tight deadline required intense coordination and lots of hard work and dedication from my team,” says **Preston Highley**, Schaeffer project manager. “Fortunately, we were able to work closely with IBEW Local One to achieve greater man power and ensure timely, efficient completion.”

In retail space spanning a combined total of 85,000-plus square feet, Schaeffer installed wiring, conduit, service equipment, lighting fixtures and building automation controls. Best Buy's facility alone required more than 20 miles of electrical wiring to power display televisions, computers and other floor models. Schaeffer's crew also put in a **Novar** building automation system to optimize energy consumption by continuously monitoring store temperature, humidity and lighting, and adjusting building controls automatically.

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“We had great confidence in partnering with Schaeffer Electric on this project. It was an easy choice,” noted **Andy McDonell**, project director for **Brinkmann Constructors**. “Schaeffer’s electricians are always professional, cooperative and deadline-oriented, plus Schaeffer’s design/build capabilities were essential to this project.”

All Schaeffer electricians are members of the **International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local One**.

The 550,000-square-foot, three-tiered, Manchester Highlands shopping center is being developed by **Pace Properties** of St. Louis.

Schaeffer Electric provides a full range of electrical contracting services, including electrical construction, data and communication, lighting maintenance and exterior lighting. Founded in 1935, the firm is also a leader in the St. Louis Chapter, **National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA)**. For more information, visit www.schaefferelectric.com.

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