

PROJECT PROFILE



Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center Anchorage, Alaska

When the 200,000-square foot Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center opened to occupants in the fall of 2008, it was Anchorage, Alaska's first Class A convention center, drawing clientele from Western Canada and all over the United States.

Located in downtown Anchorage, the new facility has increased the city's civic and convention capacity by more than 300 percent. It boasts more than 37,000 square feet of meeting rooms, a 50,000-square foot exhibit hall, and a total capacity for 408 event booths.

Ed Harris, project manager for electrical contractor Megawatt Electric LLC, quickly realized that the choice of STABILOY® Brand MC Cable would save time and money in the center's electrical installation. "This project was on a very tight schedule, and the cable saved us a lot of time," said Harris. "For

example, in Alaska the biggest push is to get temporary heat on. Using the General Cable STABILOY Brand MC Cable allowed us to quickly get the electrical rooms heated up in order to get temporary power for the heaters."

In addition, because of the design of the ceilings, the typical feeder run would include bends of more than 360°. Since STABILOY Brand MC Cable isn't limited to the 360° bend rule, the cable allowed the contractors to eliminate many j-boxes, splices and access points that would have been necessary with conventional pipe and wire.

Time and cost weren't the only savings the cable allowed. Mike Plaster, electrical superintendent for Megawatt Electric, said that because the construction was on a single square block, the storage space for materials was limited. But, said Plaster, "since the cable was

all together with the wire in it, we didn't have to haul and store a bunch of pipe and boxes and fittings—I could just run the cable and connect at both ends."

Harris has used General Cable's building wire products for previous installations, and one of the reasons he keeps coming back is their excellent customer support. When he has to introduce engineers to the cable and to show them its strengths and benefits, he sometimes encounters resistance, but his local General Cable Engineer, Alex Mak, is always ready with product literature and statistics to address all of the engineers' concerns.

"One main reason we've been going with General Cable is the amount of effort they've put in and everything they've done to make things work for us," said Harris. "They've stood behind everything they ever said they were going to do."



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