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News

UT Underground Steam Tunnel Project

IPS was selected to be the general contracting partner for The University of Toledo on the \$2M infrastructure upgrade project.

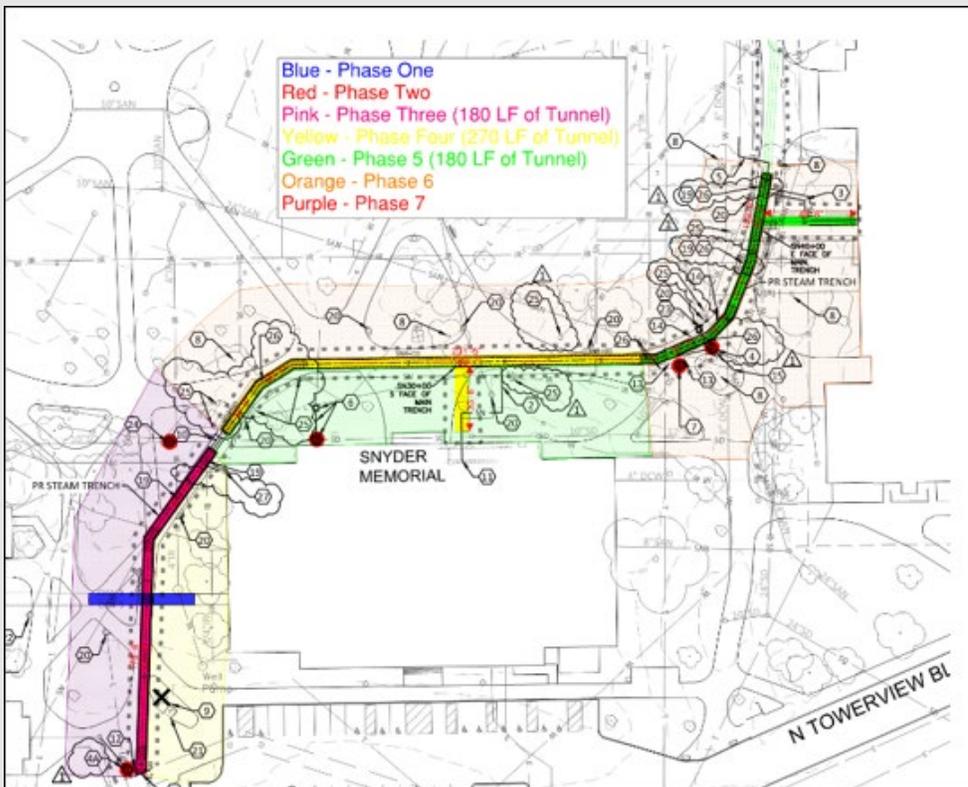
The concrete, mechanical, electrical and general contracting

responsibilities coupled with IPS' underground utility and infrastructure experience make the project a great fit for our organization.



The coordination of sitework, excavation, cast-in-place concrete, waterproofing, mechanical and electrical scopes will require an integrated execution while the high-visibility campus location will demand stringent site control efforts.

IPS will self-perform the majority of work while coordinating multiple subcontractors already familiar with campus work. The project schedule requires start and finish dates to accommodate the campus calendar requiring a tight delivery timetable.



Safety Tips for Winter/Spring



ADJUST YOUR DRIVING FOR CHANGING WEATHER

We are in the season where the weather is changing, and the temperature is dropping. The holidays are just around the corner. Winter will be here soon. It's a good time to go over some weather-related safe driving tips.

Fog

- *Turn your lights on, but don't use your high beams because the light will reflect off the fog and impair your vision.*
- *Always drive slowly when you can't see very far in front of you. Never stop your vehicle on the road in the fog unless a traffic signal, sign or an object in the road forces you to do so.*

Rain

- *Always drive with your lights on and wipers on (have you checked your wipers?).*
- *Use outside air instead of recycled air with your defroster to effectively remove condensation from your windshield and windows.*
- *Slow down to give yourself more reaction time. It takes much longer to stop on a wet road.*
- *If your vehicle starts to hydroplane, remove your foot from the gas immediately. As soon your vehicle starts to slow down, it will regain traction with the pavement.*

- *Scrape all the snow or ice off your windshield and windows to give you the maximum visibility possible.*
- *Check your tires for proper tread and inflation.*
- *Does your vehicle have anti-lock brakes? If yes – great, but don't pump the brakes to slow or stop the vehicle. Provide slow steady pressure instead. If not, you can slow or stop it by lightly pumping the brakes. Don't slam on the breaks or you will likely send your vehicle into an uncontrolled skid.*
- *If there is snow on the ground, but the sun is shining, make sure you wear sunglasses to block out the glare.*
- *Never drive on solid ice unless you absolutely have to do so.*
- *Be especially careful on bridges, overpasses and ramps, which freeze more quickly than other parts of the road.*
- *Watch carefully for black ice. It is difficult to see because it looks like wet blacktop. If it looks like water or looks shiny, assume it is black ice and react accordingly.*
- *Drive defensively. Slow down. Look for the approaching hazards and plan ahead, your safety depends on this!*

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

Owens Community College



IPS was recently awarded an upgrade package that includes HVAC upgrades in three buildings on the Owens Community College campus.

Along with this scope, were the replacements of old water heaters with heat exchangers in the labs of the math and science buildings, with modifications to the insulation in the mechanical room. The original condensers and coils in Founders Hall, which dated back to the 1970's were also replaced as well as electrical and sheet metal upgrades.

College Hall was the third & final building to have three RTU's replaced and this required IPS to have their electricians, pipefitters, sheet metal and service techs involved in the removal & replacement process.



NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

IPS Corporate headquarters expands office to support new growth

IPS constructed 3 new offices and several cubicles on the lower level of their headquarters to support General Contracting (GC), Construction Management (CM) & Engineering/Procurement & Construction (EPC). These offices will provide close proximity to the involved in various projects. The new offices, with associated project managers, project engineers and support staff are necessary to house our expanding operations.



The new offices allow a more collaborative approach to various projects with the coordination of multiple subcontractors and schedules within each specialized area. The GC, CM and EPC are continuously providing more comprehensive solutions to our clients in the construction realm. The combined experience, training & education of the IPS team, provides an ongoing expertise in a well-established and formidable business.

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

IPS Service Group

IPS welcomes **Rob Voight** as our new Service Manager responsible for overseeing the IPS Service Department.

Rob will be in charge of the overall Service operations HVAC/Boiler/Electrical routine service repairs, preventative maintenance, infrared



inspections, blackflow preventer testing, energy auditing and various HVAC, refrigerant, piping, plumbing electrical and welding repairs. Rob brings with him a wide range of experience with chillers, boilers, piping, refrigeration and various roles in HVAC equipment. He sits on the Local 50 Refrigeration Exam Board and the AFL/CIO Committee. Rob is certified in Daikin VRV and also holds a Daikin Chiller Certificate. Rob is an instructor at Local 50 Piping Industry Training Center and for three years has taught Customer Service I and Basic Electricity II to MES Apprentices. His exceptional knowledge in the



HVAC industry operations with customer relations will make him a great asset for new and existing customer relationships and continued operational excellence.

Rob has been married to his wife Melanie for 12 years and is the proud father of 4 boys, DJ (29), Brody (11), Gavin (9) and Nolan (6).

Industrial Power Systems Inc. Recent Hire to their Business Development Team

Brooke Lowrie has joined the IPS Business Development team and is responsible for continued growth of IPS' Mechanical and Electrical Divisions along with providing support for these business unit leaders.

She will be responsible for seeking out new industrial M&E opportunities in the Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan region. Brooke will report to Jeremiah Johnson, President of IPS. She has over 15 years of experience in the construction field with an excellent reputation for overseeing projects and maintaining client relationships.

