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ARCADIA PARTNERS WITH CITY TO DELIVER MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR LIGHTING SYSTEM IN HARLEM



(Left to right: Director of the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice Elizabeth Glazer, Polo Grounds Towers Resident Association 1st Vice President Georgia Bishop, New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Chair and CEO Shola Olatoye, Manhattan District Attorney Cy R. Vance, Jr., Stephen Gianotti President of Arcadia Electrical Company)

Harlem, NY – (3.11.16) – Stephen Gianotti, President of Arcadia Electrical Company was joined by New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Chair and CEO Shola Olatoye, Manhattan District Attorney Cy R.

Vance, Jr., Director of the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, Elizabeth Glazer, New York City Public Advocate Tish James and Polo Grounds Towers Resident Association 1st Vice President Georgia Bishop to announce the completion of a \$4.8 million lighting installation project at Polo Grounds Towers in Harlem.

New lighting fixtures at Polo Grounds Towers. Arcadia installed 341 new lighting fixtures at the Polo Grounds Towers as part of the Mayor's Action Plan (MAP) for Neighborhood Safety, an initiative to reduce crime and increase neighborhood safety at 15 NYCHA development sites with some of the highest crime rates in the City.

As a partnership between NYCHA, the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, the NYPD and other city agencies, MAP was launched in July 2014 to bring together neighborhood residents and government agencies to implement a 21st century approach to crime reduction.

Additional projects throughout New York City. Arcadia will be partnering with the City on additional lighting installation projects. New lighting construction has started at 8 other locations; Butler Houses (Bronx), St. Nicholas Houses (Manhattan), Boulevard Houses (Brooklyn), Bushwick Houses (Brooklyn), Ingersoll Houses (Brooklyn), Van Dyke 1 (Brooklyn), Castle Hill Houses (Bronx) and Stapleton Houses (Staten Island). NYCHA expects installation of new lighting to be substantially completed at 13 of the 15 MAP sites by the end of 2017. Temporary light towers will remain in place at developments until all projects are completed.

"Arcadia Electrical Company has been in business for over 25 years, and although we have completed many projects both private and public, we are honored to partner with Mayor de Blasio to celebrate the most important and rewarding aspects of being a contractor, and that is making our city a better, safer and more sustainable place to live," said **Stephen Gianotti, President of Arcadia Electrical Company**. "In partnership with Local Union 3 IBEW and the Mayor's office, we were able to hire members of the community to be part of our team – and together we made the Polo Grounds a safer, more enjoyable place to call home. It was truly a pleasure to be part of this project, and I look forward to continuing our work together, throughout New York City."

"Increasing safety is at the core of improving the lives of NYCHA residents. That's why we are implementing a comprehensive security plan – more lighting, additional security cameras, and improved coordination between NYCHA and the Police Department – to do this," said **New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "After decades of disinvestment in our public housing, we are leveraging every tool possible to strengthen and preserve NYCHA for today and future generations."

"Lighting is an important aspect of community safety," said **NYCHA Chair and CEO Shola Olatoye**. "Following an \$18M investment in security cameras and modern layered-access doors, we are proud to further our comprehensive security vision through the installation of permanent lighting. Improving safety and security in public housing is a key strategy in Next Generation NYCHA, the Authority's 10 year strategic plan, and these new lights will support a safer environment for both NYCHA residents and the larger community."

"Good lighting deters crime and promotes public safety," said **Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr.** "The installation of new exterior lighting at Polo Grounds Towers, which is part of my Office's \$101 million commitment to improve NYCHA security, will enhance residential safety and quality of life for thousands of New Yorkers."

“When we think about deterring crime, we need to pursue a broad range of strategies beyond traditional law enforcement. A well-lit street deters crime better than a dark alley, just as opportunities for work and play promote safety better than disadvantage and disconnection,” said **Elizabeth Glazer, Director of the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice**. “These are the ideas at the heart of the Mayor’s Action Plan for Neighborhood Safety. Installing these lights today is an important next step in this Action Plan and our work to promote public safety in partnership with the residents of Polo Grounds.”

“This means that tenants, staff, and police will have an easier time when walking throughout the development—and can spot bad behavior,” said **Polo Grounds Towers Resident Association 1st Vice President Georgia Bishop**. “These are the kinds of changes we want to and need to see for our community’s safety.”

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About Arcadia Electrical Company

Founded in 1989, Arcadia Electrical Company has grown to be one of the New York region’s leading electrical contractors. They offer seamless solutions and project delivery of electrical services, including lighting, power, communications, network and security solutions. Arcadia has been built on its years of experience completing both private and public sector projects across New York.