

# PROJECT PROFILE



## Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center Anchorage, Alaska

When the 200,000-square-foot Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center opens to occupants in Fall of 2008, it will be 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 will increase the city's civic and convention capacity by more than 300 percent. It will boast 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® MC cable would save time and money in the center's electrical installation. "This project is on a very tight schedule, and the cable has saved us a lot of time," said Harris. "For example, in Alaska the biggest push

is to get temporary heat on. Using the Alcan STABILOY 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 MC 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 is on a single square block, the storage space for materials was limited. But, said Plaster, "since the cable is 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 Alcan 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 Alcan 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 Alcan 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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