

BASiX Automation Integrators

UNUM Provident

When Andover Controls were first installed on the Portland campus in the late 1980's, the control system was considered state-of-the-art. The AC256 IOU boards had control of the HVAC system in 5 buildings. As one of the first companies in Maine to install a direct digital control (DDC) system, the Unionmutual Company established itself as a progressive player in energy savings and building automation. This progressive thinking style has allowed the company to grow into one of the largest employers in the State of Maine as well as a leader in its industry. In the early 1990's Unionmutual changed its name to UNUM, and in 1999 merged with the Provident Life & Accident Companies, which had acquired Massachusetts-based Paul Revere in 1997, to form UNUMProvident (UPC).

BASiX Automation Integrators (BASiX) has been UNUMProvident's sole source supplier for building automation on the Portland campus since the early 1990's. During that time, UPC has contracted with BASiX on over one hundred projects. These projects have run the gamut of services we offer. New construction, renovations, software upgrades, parts only sales and small service projects. UNUMProvident has continually shown the foresight and planning needed to develop one of the most comprehensive control systems in New England as well as the willingness to utilize its vast capabilities.

BASiX has helped UPC build its Andover system to over 10,000 control points. Those points perform temperature and lighting control in eight buildings spread over 3 square miles. The system controls approximately a million square feet of commercial office space. Over one hundred separate schedules maximize energy savings for UPC by using HVAC and lighting only during hours of operation for that particular facility or area. Several software interfaces to chillers, boilers and pumps allow the exchange of critical operational information between the Andover system and intelligent equipment controls.

Continuum CyberStations in seven locations around the campus give personnel from both the UNUMProvident Facilities department and ARAMARK (UPC's facility services company) the ability to view any of the campus buildings in graphically displayed form. Alarms are also sent to the CyberStation in the main security office at HO1. In order to better operate a system of this size and scope, UPC has

frequently utilized the many different courses offered by BASiX at its Hampton training facility.



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