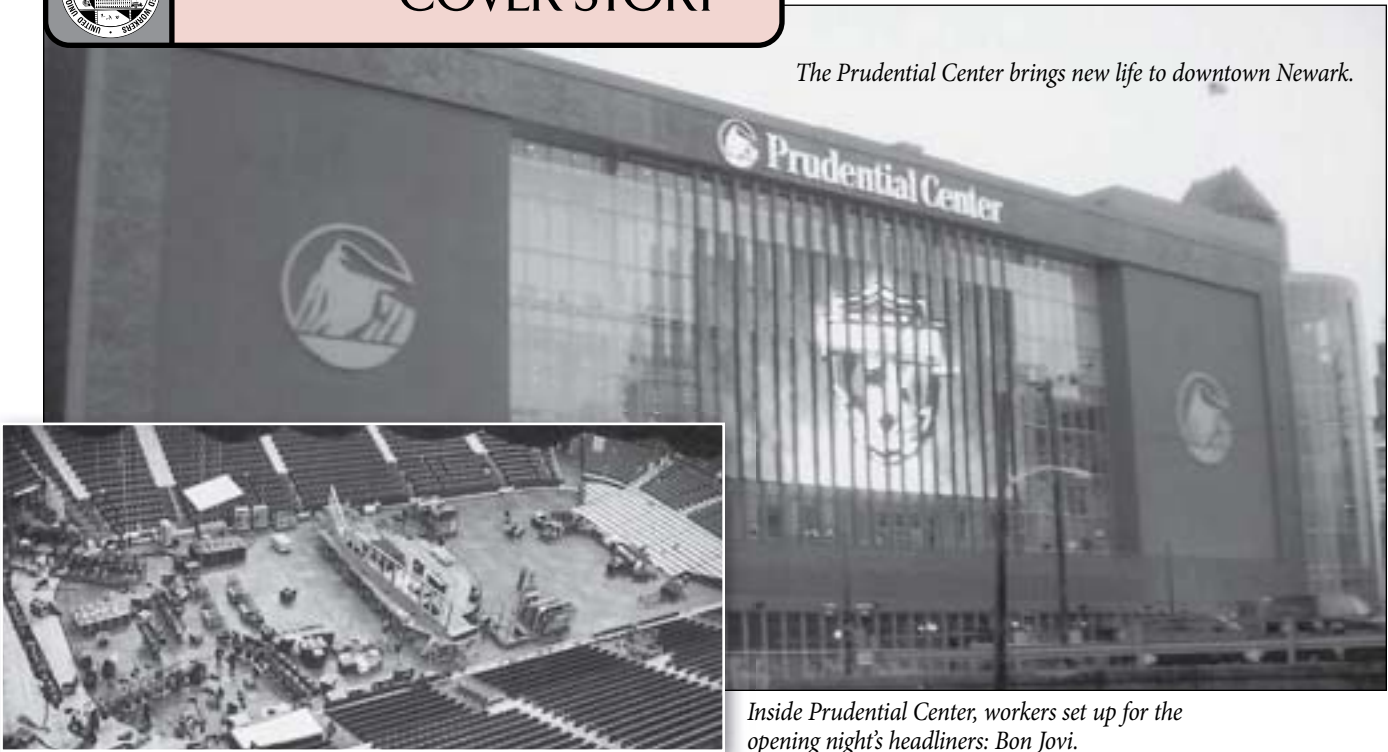




## COVER STORY

*The Prudential Center brings new life to downtown Newark.*



*Inside Prudential Center, workers set up for the opening night's headliners: Bon Jovi.*

# Local 4 and Prudential Center: Revitalizing Newark

In November of 2007, Prudential Center ushered in a new era of sports and entertainment in Newark and the entire Northern New Jersey area. Newark is undergoing a major revitalization, converting the city core into a vibrant and energized entertainment district that includes Prudential Center, the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, The Newark Symphony, and Riverfront Stadium. Prudential Center, located just two blocks from Penn Station, will be the cornerstone of the revitalization and renaissance of downtown Newark.

### Local 4 Contractor Chosen to Roof Arena

Our very own Local 4, Newark, NJ, Roofers were integral to the construction of this \$375 million project. The arena, which took two years to build, was capped off with 2,700 square feet of a single-ply Firestone roofing system. The installation was done by E.R. Barrett, Inc., one of Local 4's largest contractors. Business Manager Dave Critchley worked closely with owner Malcolm McDonald overseeing the work. E.R. Barrett, Inc. is a proud supporter of the New Jersey Devils renaissance development,

and the roofing, waterproofing and sheet metal contractor is located just one mile from the project so they were able to provide truly local support to the project. Local 4 Journeyman Mike Guerrini was the leader of the ten- to sixteen-man crew that started work in late April, 2007, and completed the final touches in November.

Inside the structure, eight million pounds of structural steel and 25,000 cubic yards of concrete came together to form an 850,000 square foot space that will house

17,625 seats for hockey games, 750 flat-screen televisions, a 350-seat restaurant, 76 luxury suites, five concourses, and two club lounges. Outside, the red and gray exterior, inspired by Newark's bricklaying and railroad heritage, is homage to the colors of the New Jersey Devils.

### Opening Night Celebration

Local 4 representatives were invited to attend opening night of the New Jersey



*The north cylinder entrance upon completion.*



Local 4 Business Manager Dave Critchley, E.R. Barrett, Inc. owner Malcolm Manuel, Foreman Mike Guerrini, and Danny Masterfano discuss the project at hand.



Joe Butch and Willie Ramos have things covered.



Local 4 member Joe Homage does his part atop Prudential Center.



New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine, center, thanks Local 4 Business Manager Dave Critchley, left, and Local 4 Vice President Rob Critchley for their hard work.

Devils' hockey season. Local 4 Business Manager Dave Critchley and Vice President Rob Critchley attended the celebration, where the governor applauded the New Jersey Building Trades on the spectacular construction of the state-of-the-art building. "This will be a great home for the people of New Jersey - a hub where people will come to join together," said Governor Jon Corzine. Jeff Vanderbeek, owner of the New Jersey Devils, also

spoke to the crowd, saying the venture would not have been possible without union labor.

Prudential Center will host the NHL's New Jersey Devils, Seton Hall basketball, MISL New Jersey Ironmen indoor soccer, concerts, family shows, and special events, as well as other professional, collegiate and amateur sporting events. A 4,800 square foot big screen LED television faces Newark Penn Station, serving as a

focal point for area visitors. The Center, which has already been nicknamed "The Rock" in reference to Prudential's recognizable logo, has become a reality that will change the face of downtown Newark and make it a destination for sports and live entertainment throughout the region. Roofers Local 4 is proud to be part of the success and would like to congratulate the brothers employed by E.R. Barrett, Inc., on a job well done.



Local 4 Business Manager Dave Critchley, left, and New Jersey Devils owner Jeff Vanderbeek at the Devils' opening night.



Foreman Mike Guerrini, E.R. Barrett, Inc. owner Malcolm Manuel, and Local 4 Business Manager Dave Critchley, high above the city of Newark.



All is well according to Local 4 member Joe Butch.