

The Viega logo consists of the word "viega" in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font. The letters are white and set against a solid black rectangular background.

Idaho Capitol Project Profile

CUSTOMER: Idaho Capitol

APPLICATION: Capitol Building

LOCATION: Boise, ID

CONTRACTOR: RM Mechanical

Viega ProPress® ensures the Idaho State Capitol will endure for generations to come

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The Idaho State Capitol has kept watch over the citizens of Boise for more than 85 years, a symbol of justice and democracy rising 208 feet into the sky. Completed in the 1920s, 70 years passed before this beautiful facility began to experience the effects of time.

Governor Phil Batt appointed the Idaho Capitol Commission in 1998 “to restore and preserve the Capitol to its original splendor.” The commission selected RM Mechanical to renovate the HVAC and plumbing portions of the Capitol.

Desiring to maintain the reputation of quality and integrity they had established among the citizens of Idaho, RM Mechanical chose to install 1/2" to 4" Viega ProPress fittings exclusively to replace all the heating and cooling components inside the Capitol. With flameless installation, Viega ProPress allowed RM Mechanical to work in tight spaces without jeopardizing the historic structure in any way.

Bill Harrison, Senior Project Manager for RM Mechanical, was hesitant to use Viega ProPress at first. “I am old school,” he said. “I always had the belief that sweat and soldered connections were the most reliable. Using Viega’s ProPress system on the Capitol project changed my mind.”

Viega ProPress pipe joining systems offer secure, reliable connections installers can count on. With fitting solutions

from the water meter to the faucet, Viega’s copper ProPress system is perfect for multiple applications such as potable water, hot water circulation, heating systems, gas and even fire protection systems.

Viega’s patented Smart Connect® feature helps installers ensure that they have pressed all connections. With cylindrical pipe guides, installers can be sure that the fitting is correctly inserted on the pipe. And since installers can make secure connections in less than seven seconds, Viega ProPress allows you to finish your project on time, which means you can complete more jobs in less time than with a traditional pipe joining system.





Viega ProPress fittings were the first to be designed with cylindrical pipe guides to keep the pipe straight and protect the sealing element during assembly. Fittings without cylindrical pipe guides risk making an unsecure connection and leave the sealing element vulnerable to damage.

Viega's distinctive hexagonal pressing pattern bonds fitting and pipe and provides the mechanical strength for the connection. Viega ProPress fittings are pressed before, after and on top of the sealing element in a single step which creates a permanent connection that is secure and guaranteed to last. Viega also offers different sealing elements to suit most applications: EPDM, FKM and HNBR.

Viega's reliability guarantee helps eliminate the possibility of leaks and reduces the number of callbacks. With the Smart Connect feature, innovative cylindrical pipe guides and high-quality materials, Viega provides the best press pipe joining systems in the industry.

RM Mechanical chose to use Viega ProPress not only to safeguard the long history of the Idaho State Capitol but also because of their strong relationship with their purchasing agent, Consolidated Supply. Harrison knew he and his team needed a quality product with reliable functionality that they could install while safeguarding the historical value of the Capitol; Consolidated Supply had the answer for RM Mechanical's needs.

"They highly recommended Viega's ProPress System," Harrison said, "and we knew there wouldn't be stocking problems. Viega ProPress is a quality product and a time-and-labor saver. We have had good success with it."

One main philosophy drives the employees of RM Mechanical: Missing a client's schedule is not an option. Construction on the Idaho State Capitol finished ahead of schedule and under budget. The House and Senate of Idaho met in the new statehouse on January 1, 2010, and work on the Capitol concluded officially with a grand rededication ceremony that was open to the public on January 9, 2010.

Viega is pleased to have been a part of preserving this historic landmark for future generations.

