



## Chapter Calendar

December 1

December 3

December 4

December 7-8

December 8

December 25

January 1

Anchorage JATC

Statewide JATC

Annual Meeting/Christmas Party

Energy in Alaska Conference

Safety Committee

Christmas Day

New Year's Day

## Tool Box Talks

December 07, 2009

December 14, 2009

December 21, 2009

December 28, 2009

Transporting Tools and Materials

Work Practices

Working Hot

Workplace Violence

## Safety

### Electrical Safety In The Workplace - 70E Course Always Available Online

*Busy tomorrow?* NECA's Management Education Institute offers an online course on Electrical Safety in the Workplace - 70E that you or your employees can take at your convenience, *whenever and wherever you have Internet access*. It addresses lockout/tagout; how to recognize when work on or near live parts is justified; and why personal protective equipment must be used whenever employees are exposed to, or have the potential to be exposed to, an electrical hazard. Fee: Only \$75. Register for our online course on Electrical Safety in the Workplace - 70 E

### Save The Date! NFPA 70E Essentials Part 2 To Be Presented December 21

We recorded the NECA safety program presented live last Tuesday via the Internet, so you can [click here to playback or download the NFPA 70E Essentials webinar](#). Of course, with NFPA 70E, *the Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace* becoming increasingly important, there's still more to talk about. John Luke, safety director at ESCO Electric in Marion, Iowa, will return to present *NFPA 70E Essentials Part 2* on Monday, December 21. Additional information coming soon. Browse NECA's website archives for other FREE safety and standards webinars

## Energy Solutions

### Learn About Photovoltaics The Most Convenient Way, Via The Internet!

Among the 20 new programs recently added to the MEI 2009-2010 Course Catalog is a convenient online course that provides an introduction to photovoltaics and the proper installation of PV systems. Knowing how solar systems work and how to perform safe work practices and installation procedures is essential to success in this growing and lucrative green market. Participants in *The Solar Evolution Begins with You* qualify for 0.6 CEUs. Fee: \$99. Evolve! Enroll in the new online course introducing photovoltaics

## Take Action

### Debate On Health Care Reform To Move To Senate Floor November 30

Just before the Senate closed down for the Thanksgiving recess, the senators voted 60-39 along party lines to move the health care reform legislation to the Senate floor. NECA is working pragmatically to improve the final product, and that includes lobbying for an amendment by Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR) to level the playing field by limiting the small business exemption for construction employers. *Watch for an Action Alert from NECA in December as the vote in the Senate nears.* Examine our prescription for health care legislation in a new article on NECA's website

### NECA Endorses Initiative Seeking 50 Million Energy-Efficient Retrofits

The Rebuilding America Initiative, which is committed to public investment in the energy-efficient retrofit of 50 million buildings in the U.S. by 2020, was launched at a recent Capitol Hill press conference. There, Mark Ayers, president of the AFL-CIO's Building and Construction Trades Department (*and former head of the IBEW's Construction & Maintenance Department*), called for Congress to support accredited skilled craft training programs such as the NECA-IBEW Green Jobs Curriculum. Find out what Rebuilding America means for legislative affairs ... and for your future

## Labor Relations

### Study Supports NECA's Position On Employer-Provided Health Care

A new study concludes that "Responsible Contractor Policies" (RCPs) seeking to ensure that workers have health insurance benefits have no effect on the public-works construction costs borne by taxpayers *BUT* that construction employers who fail to provide adequate health insurance coverage shift these costs onto the taxpayers by shifting costs to hospitals providing uncompensated care. It adds weight to NECA's arguments against unfair exemptions in pending health care legislation. Get the report on RCPs and health insurance coverage free from NECA's website

### FUTURE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS.....

October 2-5, 2010	NECA Convention/Boston, MA
October 22-25, 2011	NECA Convention/San Diego, CA
September 30-October 3, 2012	NECA Convention/Las Vegas, NV
October 12-15, 2013	NECA Convention/Washington, DC