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Alaska Chapter NECA Newsletter

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## Chapter Calendar

February 2

February 7

February 8

February 14

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February 20

April 7

Groundhog Day

Anchorage JATC

Board of Directors/Membership Meeting

Safety Committee

Valentine's Day

President's Day

Steve Boyd's Retirement Party

## Dennis F. Quebe is 32nd President of National Electrical Contractors Association



Dennis F. Quebe became the 32<sup>nd</sup> president of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) on Jan. 1, 2012. Quebe is Chairman and CEO of Quebe Holdings in Dayton, Ohio, and has more than 25 years of industry experience. He served as NECA President-elect in 2011.

Quebe assumes leadership of the association as the entire construction industry hopes to emerge from the economic recession. He has been a vocal advocate for energy-efficient technology and diversified electrical contractor operations that have helped many NECA contractors thrive during the construction downturn.

## Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program Recognized as Clean Cities Partner

The Electrical Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP), an industry initiative to train and certify electric vehicle equipment installers, was recently recognized as a [Partner by the U.S. Dept. of Energy Clean Cities program](#).

[EVITP was spearheaded by NECA in 2011](#), with several key industry stakeholders, electric vehicle manufacturers and charging equipment suppliers quickly joining as coalition members. Since then, it has become the leading program for electric vehicle supply equipment installation and training program. DOE listed EVITP under Partnerships on its Clean Cities website in December 2011.

"Inclusion on the Clean Cities website adds to our ability to support the market and maintain our position as a market leader," said Jennifer Mefford, who co-chairs EVITP with Bernie Kotlier. Mefford is the Director of Business Development for the [Southeastern Michigan Chapter, NECA and IBEW Local 58](#). Kotlier is the Director of Green Energy Solutions for the [California Labor-Management Cooperation Committee](#), which represents all NECA chapters in the state and their corresponding IBEW local unions.

When the first electric vehicles were rolled out in late 2010, auto manufacturers quickly realized a gap in their marketing plan – namely, qualified electrical workers to install the charging equipment in homes and public locations. NECA reached out with information about its joint apprenticeship program with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) that was already covering the EV equipment installation process. A massive collaboration began with automakers, EVSE manufacturers and electrical inspectors coming together to ensure that electric vehicle buyers would have a complete service experience with the purchase.

To ensure that EV buyers had safe and reliable installed charging equipment, EVITP developed an extensive and specialized curriculum for EVSE installation. Today, EVITP provides a structured platform for training and certification for the installation of electric vehicle supply equipment across residential and commercial/public markets.

EVITP offers training to licensed electricians through electrical training centers co-sponsored by NECA and the IBEW and at other venues, including community colleges. Its first major training event was a [Master Train the Trainer program in April 2011](#) that included classroom instruction, rigorous hands-on lab practicum and skills testing over three days. These Master Instructors have since gone to train additional EVITP Instructors and hold courses in EVSE installation and maintenance for electricians in their local areas. By the end of 2011, EVITP had trained and certified 150 instructors in 35 states and nearly 750 electricians across the country.

## **ECPAC**

### **ECPAC's Record Breaking Year Again!**

ECPAC 2011 finished with a grand total of \$850,347 from a record setting 1400 contributors. In the same calendar year, NECA has contributed more than \$760,000 to Members of Congress and candidates that support NECA and the electrical construction industry. The success of ECPAC would not have been possible without the unwavering support of NECA's 37 PLC Chapters and 74 PLC individual members that demonstrated true leadership in advancing NECA's political agenda through generous contributions to ECPAC. Special thanks to NECA's National PLC Chairman Tom Wolden and our District Chairs Don Leslie, Jr, James Strange III, Mark Mazur, Steve Diamond, Doug Hague, Jim Mackey, Jerry Root, Tim McBride and Stacy Wilson for all of their efforts in garnering the support and contributions from NECA contractors throughout the country.

## Legislative Update

### 2012 NECA Legislative Conference

This year the Legislative Conference and the PLC Summit (invitation only) will be held May 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel. In what is expected to be a highly politicized election year, you have the opportunity to play an active role in increasing NECA's visibility and making the voice of NECA heard on Capitol Hill. In February, registration for the 2012 Legislative Conference will be open and in the months that follow, be on the lookout for announcements about keynote speakers, congressional meetings and powerful legislative receptions.

## Safety

### New Crane Operator Certification? Your Survey Response Needed!

NECA and the NJATC have put together a very brief survey (*that can be completed in a couple of minutes*) on the feasibility of implementing a new crane certification program, and we appreciate your participation. [Take the NECA/NJATC Crane Operator Survey RIGHT NOW >>](#)

### eSafetyLine Toolbox Talks

Each month, the special safety site available through NECA's website addresses a specific topic and offers downloadable materials to enable you to provide related [weekly toolbox safety talks](#) \* to employees. \* Click on the red numeral for the week (shown on the eSafety Line calendar page) to download the current employee training material. Click on the toolbox icon for the archive of previously issued toolbox talks.

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

September 30-October 3, 2012	NECA Convention/Las Vegas, NV
October 12-15, 2013	NECA Convention/Washington, DC