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Alaska Chapter NECA Newsletter

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## Chapter Calendar

**July 4**

**July 7**

**July 8**

**July 12**

**July 14**

**September 12-15**

**Independence Day**

**Anchorage JATC**

**Board of Directors/Membership Meeting Cancelled**

**NECA Open Moose Run Hill**

**Safety Committee**

**NECA Convention/Seattle, WA**

## Tool Box Talks

**July 06, 2009**

**July 13, 2009**

**July 20, 2009**

**July 27, 2009**

**Injury Prevention, Hands/Injury Prevention, Neck**

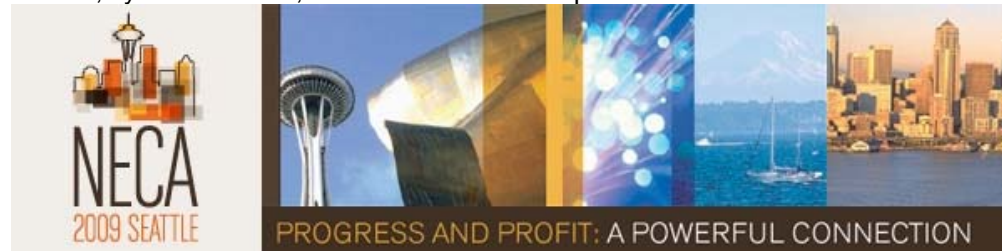
**Ladder Safety**

**Lift Trucks**

**Lockout/Tagout Energy Sources and Procedures**

## NECA 2009 Seattle: Early registration ends July 24. [Register online.](#)

Three days of exhibitors, education & energy. The NECA show is the premier expo for the electrical, power, and cabling industry. At the NECA Show, electrical professionals can view the latest innovations in tools, system controls, software and vehicles plus learn about the business services they rely on.



## Fluke Digital Clamp Meters Recalled Due To Shock Hazard

The Fluke Corporation, in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission, is recalling about 52,000 of its digital clamp meters that can fail to give an appropriate voltage reading, "resulting in the operator falsely believing the electrical power is off, posing a shock, electrocution, or thermal burn hazard." Fluke offers free replacement of meters affected by this recall. Read about the recall of digital clamp meters on NECA's website <http://www.necanet.org>.

## August 3 Registration Cut-Off For EPS Level 3 Train-the-Trainer Program

If you've already completed Levels 1 and 2 of our Electrical Project Supervision Train-the-Trainer program and want to complete instructor training this year, here's your opportunity: The only Electrical Project Supervision Level 3 Train-the-Trainer program in 2009 will be held in Jacksonville, Florida, August 10-13.

[Register NOW for the August 10-13 EPS Level 3 Train-the-Trainer program](#)

## **From ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR: Finding & Securing Government Projects**

The prospects of working on government construction projects may seem challenging, but efforts in learning the process and submitting bid proposals can be rewarding. In an EC magazine web exclusive on "Securing VIPs," public safety and terrorism expert Michael Collins provides a primer on finding, and preparing for, government contracts, with an emphasis on meeting today's heightened security needs through the construction process. [Read the article on ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR magazine's website](#)

## **NECA Welcomes New Members**

*Please join us in welcoming the following companies into the NECA family.*

**Carlos Tree Service**, Anchorage, AK, Alaska Chapter, Accredited representative: Dale Carlos.

**Curtis Electrical Construction**, Bakersfield, CA, Kern County Chapter, Accredited representative: Richard Curtis.

**LiveWire Electrical Systems**, Hazel Crest, IL, Chicago & Cook County Chapter, Accredited representative: LaShon Harris.

**Pacific Industrial Electric**, Brea, CA, Orange County Chapter, Accredited representative: Garry M. White, Jr.

**Rock River Electric**, Colona, IL, Quad-Cities Chapter, Accredited representative: T.J. Thompson.

**Sentinel Electric**, Arnold, MO, St. Louis Chapter, Accredited representative: Timothy J. Karll.

**Tangent Cable Systems**, Wilmington, DE, Northern New Jersey Chapter, Accredited representative: Ray Burton.

**Twin Brothers Electric**, Carriere, MS, Gulf Coast Chapter, Accredited representative: Wanda Bittues.

## **ECPAC On Target To Impact 2010 Election Cycle - Thanks To You!**

Despite the tight economy, individual NECA contractors who know the value of good government have already contributed a total of \$485,000 to our Electrical Construction Political Action Committee (ECPAC) prior to the mid-point of 2009, and we anticipate updating that figure very soon. In addition, the new Corporate Contribution ECPAC Fund has taken in over \$36,000 to help cover overhead and administrative costs for the PAC, leaving more funds to distribute to worthy congressional candidates.

[Learn all about what ECPAC can do for you, and vice versa](#)

## **NECA Government Affairs Update: Wednesday, July 01, 2009**

### **Member Response to the NECA Report on the "American Clean Energy and Security Act"**

Several members have commented to NECA regarding Monday's special report on the House passage of the American Clean Energy and Security Act. Some have suggested that NECA take a position in opposition to the legislation as the Senate begins to consider its version of an energy bill. NECA did not take a position on the House-passed legislation. Concerns expressed by members include the increase in energy costs, including gas prices, which are to be expected as a result of the "cap and trade" legislation. The legislation emphasizes investment in renewable energy technologies and new efficiency standards on lighting systems and appliances, which could provide new opportunities for NECA contractors. NECA will take a closer look at the legislation and explore further with its Government Affairs Committee. If you have thoughts regarding the energy legislation, please feel free to send your comments.

### **Renewable energy grants available under stimulus legislation – Department of**

**Labor Secretary Hilda Solis** recently announced \$440 million in grant money for renewable energy worker training programs. [Click here](#) for the Federal Register notice announcing the availability of these grants. The closing date for submitting applications for certain projects is September 4, 2009. For those interested in learning more about the energy training partnership grants, a webinar is scheduled for July 17, 2009 and can be accessed at <http://www.workforce3one.org>.

**NECA Meets with Congressional Staff** – During the Congressional recess week, Blair and Lake met with BJ Neinhardt, Chief of Staff to Rep. Mark Schauer's (D-MI) office. The two discussed NECA's top legislative issues including pension reform, the repeal of the 3% withholding tax, and Michigan stimulus opportunities. Rep. Schauer enjoys a strong working relationship with Michigan Chapter Executive Michael Crawford.

**FUTURE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS.....**

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