



# WATTS UP

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Alaska Chapter NECA Newsletter

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## Chapter Calendar

June 1

June 8

June 9

June 20

July 11

Anchorage JATC

Safety Committee

Board/Membership Meeting

Father's Day

2010 NECA Open at Moose Run Hill Course

## Tool Box Talks

June 07, 2010

June 14, 2010

June 21, 2010

June 28, 2010

Horseplay/Unsafe Acts

Housekeeping

Injury Prevention, Back/Injury Prevention, Ears

Injury Prevention, Eyes/Injury Prevention, Feet

## Comprehensive Section On Education Among Recent Big Improvements To NECAnet.org

### Focuses on Improving Estimating and Bidding

NECA works constantly to keep all our affiliated websites fresh, with valuable resources that you can visit whenever you seek information and assistance. To make it easier for you to find what you need, we've made some changes to site navigation at [NECAnet.org](http://NECAnet.org). Our main website is now divided into seven sections. This newsletter will highlight the new section devoted to **Education**.

As you'd expect, the Education section helps contractors improve their management and business operation skills. There are webpages devoted to NECA's [Management Education Institute](#) (featuring information about programs of special interest as well as the Catalog of Courses); [Conferences and Workshops](#), where you can find resources and review presentations from selected events, including recent workshops and NECA webinars; and [Research](#), your portal to ELECTRI International projects and publications and the ELECTRI Knowledge Network.

All-new segments reach out to newer participants in our industry. There's a sub-section on NECA [Student Chapters](#) directed to the students themselves but also including information (such as set-up procedures and policies) useful to those who work with these special groups. The Education section also includes [Becoming an Electrical Contractor](#) (with information on such topics as apprenticeship and licensure) and a

special area for [Teachers and Students](#).. There's way too much to describe here, so...  
[Explore the new section on Education on the NECAnet.org website for yourself!](#)

## On The Job

### Coming Up June 18: FREE Webinar On Changes In The 2011 NEC

Discover how changes in **Article 250** of the National Electrical Code will affect construction design and installations involving electrical grounding and bonding *AND* get a look at the new [NECA Grounding and Bonding online course](#). It's all packed into an *interactive* webinar on **Friday, June 18**, that will be presented by the course developer, NECA Executive Director for Standards and Safety [Mike Johnston](#), who chairs NEC Code-Making Panel 5. **Registration required.** [Register now for the June 18, 2010, webinar on NEC grounding and bonding changes](#)

### Request Your FREE Project Management Software From eSub Today!

As a NECA Value Added Service Provider, [eSUB](#) is proud to offer **FREE Project management software to all NECA members**. With this "bronze" version of eSUB's award-winning [TRACKpoint Online Project Management System](#), your database will be created instantly so you can get right to work on improving efficiency - - and profitability! Training and support are available. [Click here to get your FREE Project Management Software From eSub](#). [Click here to learn about ALL the NECA Value Added Services available to you](#)

## Management Education & Training

### Pre-Convention Workshops For Code-Conscious Contractors, et. al.

**NECA 2010 Boston** spans **October 2-5**, but here are two (among many!) good reasons to arrive early. (1) A Pre-Convention Workshop set for **8:00 a.m.-noon, Friday, October 1**, will explore the [most significant changes for the 2012 edition of NFPA 70E](#), Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace. (2) On **Saturday, October 2, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**, another Pre-Convention Workshop will provide attendees with a thorough review of the [most significant changes in the 2011 National Electrical Code](#). [Check out all the educational tracks planned for NECA 2010 Boston](#)

### Deepest Discount For Early Registration For NTI Expires After June 20

There are great reasons for you and your key employees to attend the [2010 National Training Institute](#), **July 31-August 6** at the **University of Michigan** in **Ann Arbor, Michigan**. Among them: There will be special programs on business development for electrical contractors and special programs for those associated with the outside line construction or utility industry. The registration fee is \$250 per participant prior to June 20, \$350 from June 21 to July 22, and \$500 after July 22. [Preview the 2010 National Training Institute and register by June 20](#)

## Meetings & Events

### Grand-Slam Opening Reception To Set Tone For NECA 2010 Boston

The **Opening Reception** for **NECA 2010 Boston** is a fun-filled entertainment-packed evening at [Jillian's](#), a great location with a great view of all the action at [Fenway Park](#)

while one of the most famed rivalries in major league baseball plays out as the **Boston Red Sox host the New York Yankees**. But the big game is NOT the *only* action! You can also explore three floors of amazing entertainment with surprises around every corner, dance the night away, and even peer into the future. *Wow!* [See what's on tap for our Grand-Slam Night Out at Jillian's in Boston](#)

## Take Action

### NECA Contractors On Capitol Hill For Estate Tax, Pension Reform Issues

Member participation at our **2010 Legislative Conference** increased for the second year in a row, with more than 120 NECA contractors holding more than 400 meetings with their elected representatives on Capitol Hill to voice their concerns on such issues as estate tax and pension reform and worker misclassification. Collectively, they reached lawmakers from 25 states. Among other conference highlights, [Senator Jeff Merkley](#) (D-OR) was recognized as NECA's Legislator of the Year. [Read a recap of our 2010 Legislative Conference on NECA's website](#). *FYI:* Since the conference, NECA and member contractors have been active on several important issues. For an update on the [top issues in NECA Government Affairs](#), [click here](#).

## Safety

### eSafetyLine Topics For June

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. \* Four toolbox talks will be available for June. Click on the red numeral for the week (shown on the [eSafety Line calendar page](#)) to download this employee training material.

### **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