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Alaska Chapter NECA Newsletter

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Chapter Calendar

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Anchorage JATC

Safety Committee

Board/Membership Meeting

St Patrick's Day

Anchorage OSHA 10 hour class

Fairbanks OSHA 10 hour class

Take Action

Davis-Bacon Escapes Budget-Cutting Ax...For Now

An amendment to the massive budget reconciliation bill to suspend application of the Davis-Bacon Act for the rest of fiscal year 2011 was proposed by [Rep. Steve King](#) (R, Iowa-5). It was defeated by a vote of 233-to-189 in the House of Representatives on Saturday. The day before, [February 18, 2011, NECA sent a letter to every House member](#) strongly urging them to reject proposals to suspend the federal prevailing-wage law or eliminate the use of project labor agreements. *Remain vigilant!* [Catch up with the latest news on protecting Davis-Bacon during budget reconciliation](#) **FYI:** According to ["Labor's Last Stand" from the March 7-14, 2011, edition of The Nation](#), numerous bills to control unions are being considered in various states. Among them are bills that would ban project labor agreements in 20 states and undo prevailing-wage laws in about 15. *What's happening in your area?*

Online Registration Now Available for National Legislative Conference

We need your help to educate the 100 new legislators in Congress, as well as more experienced lawmakers, about such issues as repealing the 3% withholding tax scheduled for implementation in 2012, pension reform, payroll fraud/misclassification of independent contractors, and tax incentives designed to create jobs for NECA contractors. Join us at the **2011 NECA Legislative Conference** at the [Mandarin Oriental](#) in Washington, D.C., May 10-12. More details coming soon. [Register online for the 2011 NECA National Legislative Conference](#)

Safety

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.....

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