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Alaska Chapter NECA Newsletter

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CONGRATULATIONS! To Electric Inc for celebrating their 50th NECA anniversary this month!

Chapter Calendar

May 4

May 11

May 12

May 31

July 11

Anchorage JATC

Safety Committee

Board/Membership Meeting

Memorial Day

2010 NECA Open at Moose Run Hill Course

Tool Box Talks

May 03, 2010

May 10, 2010

May 17, 2010

May 24, 2010

May 31, 2010

Fire Prevention

First Response, Medical/Moving an Injured Person

Flame Resistant Apparel

Grounding and Shock/Hazards of Electricity

Health Hazard Recognition

FREE NECA-Trade Service Webinar on Friday

Focuses on Improving Estimating and Bidding

In 2007, we introduced a [NECA Manual of Labor Units subscription](#) which allowed electrical contractors that used Trade Service's popular price and product updating software to automatically import the labor units directly into their estimating or accounting database, along with pricing data. Since then, both organizations have refined the products involved in this agreement. The [2009-2010 edition of NECA's MLU](#), the most thoroughly updated version published in the past 80+ years, is now in effect, and Trade Service recently introduced the most data-rich and user-friendly version of its software to date (the new [TRA-SER@SX](#), which earned a "Top Product Award" from [Constructech magazine](#)) and the new [Supplier Xchange™](#) program.

NECA has negotiated a \$750 member discount on the TRA-SER@SX software to facilitate our members' access to this new technology. And, to help you make the most effective use of these resources, NECA and Trade Service are teaming up to offer a **FREE** webinar to explain how they work together to enable you to:

- Access current and accurate material pricing from any location;
- Request and receive bid pricing, in real time, directly from suppliers; and
- Electronically update NECA labor units within your estimating database.

The one-hour presentation is set for **Friday, May 14**. Start times are **10:00 a.m., Pacific; 11:00 a.m., Mountain; 12 noon, Central; and 1:00 p.m., Eastern**. Click the link following this article to register. For additional information, please contact Trade Service by phone (**866-561-5941**) or send an e-mail to sumana_rao@tradeservice.com.

[Click here to reserve your place at the May 14, 2010, NECA/Trade Service webinar](#)

Meetings & Events

Convention Registration Opens June 1

Registration for **NECA 2010 Boston (October 2-5)** opens **June 1**. Our **2010 convention website** is already up and running, with an at-a-glance-schedule; an overview of Boston featuring information on travel, convention hotels, restaurants and tours; highlights of the Opening Reception, General Sessions, and Closing Celebration; and additional information. Of course, much, much more information will be added over the coming weeks, which makes it a good idea to check in often. The website isn't the only place to find out what's new at NECA 2010 Boston. You can also learn more by checking the tweets on [Twitter @necaconvention](#) and becoming a fan on [Facebook](#). [Our website for NECA 2010 Boston has just gone live. Take a look!](#)

Energy Solutions

Will Electric Vehicles Drive Future Markets for EC Services?

By the time the first mass-market electric cars go on sale, charging stations will be needed in places the public can access, not just at homes. Installing and maintaining the stations could generate more lucrative work for ECs. On the other hand, with so many issues unsettled, entering this market just might be more trouble than it's worth. Joe Salimando, the proprietor of www.eleblog.com, provides plenty of facts and things to think about on [NECA's Energy Solutions blog](#).

[Investigate what the coming of plug-in electrical vehicles may mean for ECs](#)

From EC Magazine: New Numbers Puff Up Potential of Wind Power

DOE's [Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy \(EERE\)](#) recently released the first comprehensive update of the wind-energy potential by state since 1993. It shows America is blessed with vast wind resources beyond what was previously thought. Where will the most wind turbines need to be sited? Texas is the number one blow-hard state, followed in order by Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa, Wyoming, Oklahoma and New Mexico. [Learn more about wind power and potential on ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR's website](#)

Safety

eSafetyLine Topics For May

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 May. 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

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