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Alaska Chapter NECA Newsletter

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Chapter Calendar

May 3

May 8

May 10

May 10-12

May 18

May 30

Anchorage JATC

Mother's Day

Safety Committee

Legislative Conference in D.C.

Board/Membership Meeting

Memorial Day

Updated Manual of Labor Units Now Available!

NECA's **Manual of Labor Units**, which lists the national average direct labor time required to install electrical material under typical conditions on a typical project, has been the industry standard for electrical construction estimators and project managers since 1923, and its prominence among other estimating data sources is well documented. We revise it every other year to keep it up-to-date with changes in electrical products and installation methods. The new edition, now available through the [online NECA Store](#).

The NECA Manual of Labor Units 2011-2012 edition is available in three formats:

- 1) **As a 500+ page book** (Index #**4090-11**). [Click here to order the 2011-2012 MLU in book format.](#)
- 2) **As a CD** (Index #**4090-11D**) works with Windows operating systems and includes all of the labor units found in the paperbound version [Click here to order the 2011-2012 MLU in electronic \(CD\) format.](#)
- 3) **Though a subscription** to Trade Service's [TRA-SER](#), a material product and pricing software (Index #**4090-11S**). The subscription is described in the NECA Store listing but must be purchased separately from Trade Service (**1-800-701-7003**). [Click here for information about subscribing to the 2011-2012 MLU through TRA-SER.](#)

Labor Relations

Online Registration Now Open for 2011 National Training Institute

Our National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee's 22nd annual **National Training Institute** will be held **July 30-August 5** at the **University of Michigan** in **Anne Arbor**. Make plans to attend and bring as many of your workers with you as possible! NTI offers something for everyone, including an entire section for those involved in outside line and utility work and special management education programs for

contractors developed with NECA. Watch for more NTI news in upcoming issues. [Learn about, and register for, the 2011 National Training Institute](#) **FYI:** While you're on the NTI page, check out the video "Why NTI for NEAC Contractors." *It'll get you going!*

NECA Urges Participation in Davis-Bacon Conferences

The U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division is hosting a series of **Prevailing Wage Conferences** in May, July and August. They will focus on the **Davis-Bacon** and Services Contract Acts and address legal issues, including appeals. Since managing prevailing-wage and Davis-Bacon rates in your area has never been more important, it would be beneficial to management and labor to attend one of these programs-together, if possible. Your LMCC could support this effort. [Check out the news on DOL's 2011 series of Prevailing Wage Conferences](#)

Legislative Update

3% Withholding Coalition Call

NECA has been actively involved in Hill efforts to garner additional co-sponsors on the bills to repeal the 3% withholding tax before it takes effect in 2012. Last week, Lake and Kristen participated in a 3% repeal lobbying team meeting, led by the Chamber of Commerce. The coalition is upping their efforts and launching a concentrated grassroots campaign. The purpose of the campaign is to apply pressure on Congress to make the 3% repeal a priority this year. The campaign will include letters to Congress urging them to support the repeal of the tax, a strategic lobbying push to every congressional office that has yet to co-sponsor the bill and a 3% repeal website that will serve as a central location for anyone to gather more information on the issues, including current co-sponsors and op-eds. We will send around the link as it becomes available.

ECPAC Update

There are three NECA Districts that must be recognized for their commitment to NECA and ECPAC this year. Districts 2, 7, and 10 now have ECPAC contributions from every chapter. Combined, these three Districts include 183 contributors for a total of \$188,969. Also, ECPAC also has six 100% participation chapters, including **Finger Lakes New York, Southern Tier, Mahoning Valley, Florida West Coast, Quad Cities, and Orange County**. Special thanks to all the Chapter Executives for your undoubted efforts to secure chapter contributions.

Here are the ECPAC numbers as of April 26, 2011:

Personal ECPAC Contributions - **\$441,614**

Corporate ECPAC Partners Program - **\$35,150**

Total ECPAC contributions to date - **\$476,764**

A total of **492 contributions** have been received!

On The Job

Top 10 Reasons to Review Your Arc Flash Study

After experiencing an [arc flash](#) on the job, it's a good idea (and an NFPA 70E requirement) to analyze the incident. But don't think the analysis ends once equipment is properly labeled and the report is filed away. "The electric power system is evolving,

which means the arc flash study results may also evolve,” states a featured article in the current issue of ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR magazine. It details the top 10 reasons to take another look at your completed arc flash study. [Learn why ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR says arc flash studies need periodic review](#)

Safety

Online Safety Education Available via New NEIS Website

Did you know... Our thoroughly revamped website at www.neca-neis.org, which features the National Electrical Installation Standards™ produced by NECA, includes an Education section? It links to a growing archive of previously recorded safety and health webinars, online safety courses, eSafetyline, information on wiring, lighting & estimating, “How NEIS Works for You,” and MEI courses. **Please make sure your firm’s safety professionals are aware of this great resource!** [Check out the educational opportunities on NECA's revised NEIS website](#)

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.

Member News

NECA Welcomes Six New Members

- American Legacy Construction, Kansas City Chapter
- Battle Born Solar Energy & Electric, Southern Nevada Chapter
- Cosco Fire Protection, Oregon-Columbia Chapter
- Green Electric, Central Indiana Chapter
- **Kachemak Electric, Kenai, AK, Alaska Chapter, Accredited Representative: Mark Cialek.**
- C.M. Richey, Inc., Long Island Chapter

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