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Alaska Chapter NECA Newsletter

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Chapter Calendar

November 1

November 8

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November 24

December 3

Anchorage JATC

Safety Committee

Board of Directors/Membership Meeting

Veterans Day

Thanksgiving

Annual Meeting/Christmas Party

House Votes to Repeal 3% Withholding Tax!

After nearly seven years of working for the repeal of the 3% withholding tax on government payments to contractors, NECA is pleased that the U.S. House of Representatives has passed [HR 674](#) by an overwhelming [405-to-16 vote](#). To make up for the revenue that the 3% rule would supposedly have brought in, the House also approved [HR 2576](#) to change the way modified adjusted gross income is calculated under the health care law. President Obama issued formal Statements of Administration Policy in support of both HR674 ([here](#)) and HR2576 ([here](#)). It is unclear whether HR 674 or other previously introduced Senate bills will serve as the legislation moving to the Senate floor; however, once that becomes clear, NECA will issue an *Action Alert* to its membership regarding contacting senators in support of repeal. [Get the latest news on repealing 3% withholding >>](#)

Energy Solutions

ACEEE Scorecard Rates the States on Energy Efficiency Efforts

For the past five years, the [American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy](#) has been publishing an annual state-by-state scorecard showing where efforts to increase energy efficiency are working – and where improvement is needed. Smart ECs can use it to help determine where the green opportunities are. [Peruse the 2011 ACEEE Scorecard and find out how your state rates >>](#)

Call for Project Photos to Boost Business Development Aims

If you have pictures of wind, solar, data center, energy storage, smart grid, fuel cell, micro turbine, EV charging station, lighting or similar projects completed by your company, we'd like to feature them on [NECA's new webpage on members' recent energy projects](#) and at NECA vents. Published graphics will credit your company. By submitting the photos, you are giving us permission to display them under the above terms. Photos being set to NECA should include the following:

- Attached photo (*any format or size is applicable*)
- Company Name
- Contact and Phone Number
- Names of individuals within photo (*if any*)
- Project name and location

Send project photos and requested information to Adrienne Gracias at aeg@necanet.org.

On The Job

Join ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR's E-newsletter Mailing List

NECA's [ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR](#) magazine is launching a **FREE** e-newsletter. Every month, we'll send highlights of our most important articles, and we'll occasionally send out topic-based newsletters. You can select the content that's important to you and receive links to these articles right in your inbox. [Sign up for a free monthly e-newsletter from ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR >>](#)

Management Education & Training

Specific Instructions on Obtaining CEUs from NECA 2011 San Diego

Most 2011 Pre-Convention Workshops, Management Seminars, and Technical Workshops offered [Continuing Education Units](#) for participants who had their badges scanned as they entered and exited sessions. [Find out how to retrieve the CEUs you earned at NECA 2011 San Diego >>](#)

Meetings & Events

Not Everything that Happens in Vegas...

Should Stay in Vegas! Catch a sneak peak at what NECA 2012 Las Vegas has in store, and watch a cool video, too. Just visit necaconvention.org!

NOTE: Blogs related to this year's Convention, Show, and special events can be found on the [2011 San Diego Highlights page](#), or at blog.necaconvention.org >>

MP3 Recordings From NECA 2011 Management Workshops Now Available! [Order Online here >>](#) Or download PDF of the [2011 NECA Order Form here >>](#)

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.....

September 30-October 3, 2012	NECA Convention/Las Vegas, NV
October 12-15, 2013	NECA Convention/Washington, DC