



NECA ALASKA CHAPTER

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTER

Upcoming Meetings & Events

The next Board of Directors & Membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at The Megan Room located in the Davis Constructors building at 6591 A Street Anchorage, AK 99518. The Board will meet at 4:30pm with the Membership meeting following at 5:00pm. This will be our annual guest meeting!

The annual NECA Open will be Thursday, August 19th with a 7:00 am shotgun start at Anchorage Golf Course. The teams are full, but sponsorships are still appreciated.

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INSIDE WASHINGTON

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

NECA Legislative Top News 07/16/2021

1. Budget Resolution Framework Released by Senate

Last Tuesday, Senate Democrats announced a budget framework of \$3.5 trillion dollars. This resolution will set the framework to begin budget reconciliation. This bill that is likely to include President Biden's "human" infrastructure plan, [Build Back Better](#).

NECA's Look Ahead: Although the budget resolution framework text has not yet been released, we are expecting three areas of offset focused in three main buckets: Health Care Savings, Tax Code changes (Corporate, International, High-Income Individual, Tax Enforcement), and long-term growth estimations. NECA is expecting text within the coming week and will continue to update membership on the budget reconciliation process.

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

08/18/21

Board of Directors /
Membership/Veteran
Member/Guest/Spouse
Tentative Meeting

[RSVP](#)

08/19/2021

NECA Open at
Anchorage Golf Course
7am Shotgun Start

09/06/21

Labor Day

09/22/21

Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

10/06/21

Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

10/09-12/21

2021 NECA Convention
& Trade Show
Nashville, TN

11/10/21

Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

11/11/21

Veteran's Day

11/25/21

Thanksgiving Day

12/04/21

Annual Board of
Directors / Membership
Meeting & Tentative
Holiday Party

12/25/21

Christmas Day

01/01/22

2. Education Assistance Bills Introduced in House

Last week, Congressman Jason Smith (R-Mo.) and Congressman Danny Davis (D-Ill.) introduced the Upward Mobility Enhancement Act, and the Upskilling and Retraining Assistance Act. These bills aim to increase employer provided education assistance to \$12,000 and expand education-related tools and technology covered by the tax exclusion.

NECA's Look Ahead: These NECA-supported bills benefit both employees and employers by allowing students to work through their education and allowing businesses to retain a highly skilled workforce. We will be monitoring the progress of these pieces of legislation.



NECAPAC

NECAPAC encourages members to utilize secure online donations to ensure safe delivery of contributions. If you have never made an online contribution and would like to utilize this feature, please contact Hadlea Bothe at Hadlea.Bothe@necanet.org or 240-800-5004 for assistance in creating an online NECAPAC profile. You can also let the Chapter know and we can assist.

If you would like to contribute to NECAPAC for 2021, you can do so by [clicking here](#), asking the Chapter for a NECAPAC personal or corporate contribution form, or pick one up at the Chapter. They are also available on the [Chapter's website](#).

If you wish to mail in your NECAPAC contributions, please send to NECA's Capitol Hill office at: NECAPAC- 1201 Pennsylvania Ave. NW - Washington, DC 20004

You can check out NECA's take on key industry issues [here](#).



EVENT UPDATES FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

NECA 2021 Nashville Registration is Now Open!



Registration has opened for the 2021 NECA Convention & Trade Show in Nashville. This event, being held Oct. 9-12, marks the in-person return of the electrical construction industry's premier event. Attendees will gain in-person access to industry-leading education, top-notch speakers, networking, entertainment, and North America's largest Electrical Construction trade show.

NECA 2021 Nashville will also feature a hybrid virtual option, making every education session available to registrants not able to travel to Nashville. Those attending the convention in-person will also have access to this on-demand content for 30 days following the convention.

Register before August 31 to lock in your early registration rate and save big!

EARLY REGISTRATION (ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31, 2021)

| | REGISTRANT | SPOUSE | VIRTUAL ONLY |
|------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Member | \$1,280 | \$665 | \$250 |
| Non-member | \$1,950 | \$1,950 | \$450 |

[Learn More and Register Now](#)



NECA THIS WEEK

NEWS FROM THE VOICE OF THE ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

Legal Alert: Practical Advice for Managing Price Escalation Throughout a Construction Project

Material price escalation is the biggest concern facing the construction industry this year. The prices of raw construction materials, particularly steel and lumber, have been rapidly increasing since early 2020. That has led to significant economic risk, which has fallen disproportionately onto the shoulders of NECA members.

While there is certainly no magic bullet, and members are encouraged to seek competent local legal counsel and financial advice, we trust that this white paper will assist with some general guidance and practical advice.

[Read full Legal Alert](#)

10th Edition of the JBKnowledge Construction Technology Survey

NECA is proud to be working with JBKnowledge on the 10th Edition of the Construction Technology Survey.

All survey respondents are eligible for an all-expenses paid trip to the [Con Tech Roadshow!](#) By completing the survey, you'll be the first to receive a complimentary copy of the full results and report.

[Take the Survey Now](#)



SAFETY NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

2021 NFPA 70E PPE Selector Guide Available for Download

Maintenance Related Safety Requirements are now included in the standard and is a basis for applying the provisions found in the Table Method for implementing Personal Protective Equipment and Arc Flash Protection.

The guide is available as a downloadable PDF for purchase in the NECA Store.

[Click here to view and purchase](#)



NECA VIDEO UPDATE

UPDATES FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION



New NECANet.org:
Launching 2021



NECA 2021 Nashville
Teaser



NECA eSafetyLine July
2021 Safety Minute



WORKING KNOWLEDGE

WEBINARS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

Agile Construction Virtual Classroom

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 | 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM ET | \$100.00

A construction job site is a very fluid work environment, in a state of constant change, both planned and unplanned. Agile Construction™ allows the contractor to rapidly adapt to jobsite changes in order to complete each project profitably and efficiently. The agility of the contractor at the job site effects the profits. This course focuses on labor productivity and measurement, job scheduling and planning, procurement management, estimation accuracy and improvement and project financial management.

Following this class, participants will be able to:

- Describe the impact of scheduling on job productivity
- Analyze and interpret charts
- Identify the challenges that affect job productivity
- Discuss strategies to increase profits and improve productivity

Instructors: Philip Nimmo, Sonja Daneshgari

Course Length: 4 Hours

Continuing Education Hours: 4

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Introduction to Project Level Lean-What's the Big Deal Virtual Classroom

Thursday, August 12, 2021 | 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM ET | \$75.00

The construction industry is increasingly utilizing formal production management principles and techniques known as 'Lean Construction' to increase reliability, jobsite productivity, and superior control over schedule. Using case studies, this course provides participants with a clear understanding of the background of Lean in Construction, why it's important, why it's effective and why they should care.

Following this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand clearly what 'Lean' is and why the construction industry needs it
- Understand 'Lean' terminology and be able to define it relative to other Project Management processes
- Discuss real life examples of the various methods for implementation and the results it generates
- List best practices and common pitfalls

Instructor: Stephane McShane

Course Length: 2 Hours

Continuing Education Hours: 2

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Labor Cost – Convert Your Biggest Risk to Your Biggest Advantage Virtual Classroom

Tuesday, August 24, 2021 | 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET | \$100.00

Case studies demonstrate common myths of field productivity due to a fundamental misunderstanding of what productivity really is. Case studies provide step by step illustration for participants to simply and clearly define productivity and production. Case studies illustrate methodologies for measuring and managing jobsite productivity for sustainable, breakthrough performance gains.

Following this course, participants will be able to:

- Define and appropriately measure productivity
- Define and understand the mechanics of production
- Understand blind spots existing project management approaches have to productivity improvement and what to do about it

- Gain an introductory understanding, based on case studies, of how to measure cost of lost production and how to implement effective improvement routines

Instructor: Stephane McShane

Course Length: 3 Hours

Continuing Education Hours: 3

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Basic Estimating of Electrical Construction Virtual Classroom

Wednesday, September 8th - Thursday, September 23rd, 2021 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM ET | \$675.00

This program focuses on understanding the cost components of electrical estimating, instilling industry best practices, all while developing a sound estimating process. Topics are presented in a lecture format followed by hand-on estimating exercises to reinforce the principles learned. Through the hands-on exercises participants will be expected to perform a takeoff, develop a material list, lookup and apply labor units using the NECA Manual of Labor Units, summarize the costs of the estimate, and apply overhead and profit to the estimate. Each lesson builds upon the previous one, with all the learning coming together through a simulated bid opening on the final day.

Through active participation and completion of this course participants will be able to:

- Define estimating terminology
- Recognize and identify electrical symbols
- Identify potential estimating errors and correct them
- Understand the costs associated with electrical construction

Prepare an estimate for a commercial electrical project including identifying the scope of work, organizing a material takeoff, applying labor units, summarizing costs and calculating a bid price for the project

Instructors: Matthew Firestone, James Johannemann

Continuing Education Hours: 15

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Basic Estimating of Electrical Construction Virtual Classroom

Wednesday, September 8th - Thursday, September 23rd, 2021 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET | \$675.00

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