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## Alaska Chapter News

### 2014 NECA Convention and Trade Show

If you are planning on attending this year's NECA Convention and Trade Show in Chicago, September 27-30, please let the Chapter know as soon as possible. Registration opens **May 29!**

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### Upcoming Board of Directors and Membership Meetings

May 7, 2014 will be the next Board of Directors and Membership meeting. It will be held in the Anchorage Chapter office with the Board meeting beginning at 4:30pm and the membership meeting beginning at 5:30pm.

The June 18, 2014 Board of Directors and Membership meeting will be in Fairbanks at the Westmark Fairbanks Hotel & Conference Center in the Minto Banquet Room. The Board meeting will be held at 4:30pm and the membership meeting will be held at 5:30pm with dinner served at 6:45pm. If you plan on attending from out of town, you can stay at the hotel at a discounted rate of \$149 for a standard room. The group name is "Alaska Chapter, NECA." You can call the hotel at (800) 544-0970 or by clicking "Learn More" to take you to online booking where you can enter code "NECA061814." All reservations must be made by May 18, 2014.

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## Take Action

**Join the Campaign...Take the Survey...Fix the Highway Trust Fund!**

## Events

05/14/14  
Board of Directors / Membership Meeting in Anchorage [RSVP](#)

05/26/14  
Memorial Day

06/18/14  
Board of Directors / Membership Meeting in Fairbanks

07/04/14  
Independence Day

07/10/14  
NECA Open 7:00 am at Anchorage Golf Course

08/13/14  
Board of Directors / Membership/Veteran Member/Guest/Spouse Meeting in Anchorage

09/01/14  
Labor Day

09/10/14  
Board of Directors /

NECA is working hard to ensure that a well-funded, multi-year surface transportation bill passes this year and urges you to join us in this very important effort. The two-year transportation reauthorization bill enacted in 2012 expires in September — just a few weeks after the Highway Trust Fund is expected to go broke, forcing states to cut highway bid lettings and putting thousands of construction jobs at risk. If more funding is not made available, transportation construction projects will come to a halt.

As a member of the Transportation Construction Coalition, NECA is organizing the "**Hardhats for Highways**" campaign. The idea is to get the attention of your two senators and your representative in Congress and help persuade them that "Now is the time to fix the highway fund!"

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We also ask that you participate in our survey on how business decisions and state transportation programs are being impacted. The responses received will be shared with members of Congress as they debate how to fix the problem.

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## Energy Solutions

### Be a Full-Service Energy Solutions Provider!

Market opportunities for ESCOs ("Energy Service Companies" that develop, install, and arrange financing for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects) are expanding dramatically. *Get in on the action!* With the launch of the **NECA Energy Conservation and Performance Platform (NECA E-CAP™)**, you can become a full-service energy solutions provider offering third-party financing and insurance guarantees for such projects. By seamlessly integrating the inclusion of best practice project surety, project finance structuring, and project funding solutions into your project development process, NECA E-CAP removes implementation obstacles for energy retrofit projects.

**FYI:** If you already have a relationship with a financing or insurance provider, that provider can be integrated seamlessly into the E-CAP process. The NECA E-CAP™ tool can also be used to secure Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing, structured so that payments towards the project investment are paid through the building's property taxes.

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### Membership Meeting in Anchorage

09/27/14-9/30/14

2014 NECA Convention & Trade Show / Chicago, IL

10/08/14

Board of Directors / Membership Meeting in Anchorage

11/11/14

Veteran's Day

11/12/14

Board of Directors / Membership Meeting in Anchorage

11/27/14

Thanksgiving Day

12/06/14

Annual Board of Directors / Membership Meeting & Holiday Party in Anchorage

12/25/14

Christmas Day



## Education & Training

### Explore Business Development Opportunities from SAS with FREE Webinar April 21

Last year, we introduced you to Salisbury Assessment Solutions (SAS), the new service business launched by Salisbury by Honeywell, to offer assessment services and safety compliance solutions for electrical equipment. SAS provides a full range of services to ensure their customers' safety and compliance with the NFPA 70E *Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace* and ASTM F18 *Standards for Electrical Protective Equipment For Workers*, as well as OSHA regulations. These services include (*but are not limited to*) conducting thorough assessments (audits) of customers' facilities and electrical safety programs.

The business is growing very fast, and SAS is still looking for qualified NECA contractors across the country to perform such assessments. You would be compensated for the work you do directly for SAS. Potentially, you could also reap new opportunities with end-users (SAS customers) when the audits you conduct reveal the need for repairs, upgrades, or maintenance since SAS does not perform this type of work.

**Learn more:** We are offering a one-hour webinar to give you a better understanding of the proposed business development opportunities. It will be held **Monday, April 21** (*starting at 11:00 a.m., Pacific/2:00 p.m., Eastern*).

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## Publications & Resources

### ELECTRI Publishes Blueprint for EC Business Development

Focusing primarily on smaller companies, this provides a step-by-step process for creating and carrying out a plan.

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## Safety

### PPE Selector App Enhances Safety on the Go

The NFPA 70E Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace specifies what type of personal protective equipment is needed, depending on the task at hand, to protect against shock and arc flash. Our best-selling publication NFPA 70E PPE Selector

(Index# 5024-12) distills information from the standard. And, now we are proud to introduce a new mobile application based on that popular publication. The **NECA Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Selector App** is task-based and helps users determine quickly the level of personal protective equipment that must be worn based on the level of incident energy. Priced at \$4.99, the app is available in the iTunes and Google Play stores for both mobile and tablet devices.

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## NECA Applauds Updated Standards for Power Line Work

OSHA has issued a final rule updating 1910.269 and 1926 Subpart V, the Electric Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution standards, and has also made some changes to the Electrical Protective Equipment standard. The revised standards include provisions related to employee training, information exchange between host employers and contractors, fall protection and PPE, engineering controls, and other aspects of safe power line work. Revised §1910.269 and Subpart V take effect July 10, but the compliance deadline for some provisions on fall protection, minimum approach distances, and arc-flash protection is April 1, 2015.

NECA and the electrical transmission and distribution sector of the electrical contracting industry appreciate these long-overdue changes. We are also pleased that the revisions align with much of the current on-going work of the Electrical Transmission and Distribution Partnership, which includes OSHA, NECA, NECA line contractors, and other line industry stakeholders. The ET&D Partnership and NECA will help OSHA develop technical and training support for those covered by the revised rules.

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## 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.

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