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## Alaska Chapter News

### Surety Bond Requirement

On February 7, 2017, the Alaska Electrical Trust Funds office sent out a letter to participating construction employers regarding the new benefit bond requirement. It read as follows:

As a result of both the Inside Agreement and Outside Agreement recently being ratified, all employers participating under either one of these agreements is now required to furnish a surety bond in the amount of \$50,000.00 to secure payment for all employer contributions due under either agreement. Original proof of bonding should be sent to the Trust office now located at 701 E Tudor Suite 200, Anchorage, AK 99503.

This Inside agreement was sent out via email on January 12, 2017 with a list of significant changes. The Outside agreement has been ratified and is in the process of being prepared for signatures. It will go out with a list of significant changes as soon as it is ready.

## Government Affairs

### NECA Urges Senators to Oppose the TIRE Act

On January 27, 2017 Senator Jeff Flake introduced the Transportation Investment Recalibration to Equality Act (TIRE Act) which seeks to suspend the prevailing wage requirement under the Davis Bacon Provision on all transportation related contracts. This bill seeks to drastically cut the pay for both union and non-union workers in a time when the American worker was expecting a boost from their leadership following the most recent election.

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**2016 Election Cycle NECAPAC Report Now Available**

## Events

- 02/20/17  
**President's Day**
- 03/08/17  
**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**  
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- 04/12/17  
**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**
- 05/10/17  
**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**
- 05/29/17  
**Memorial Day**
- 06/14/17  
**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**  
TBD
- 07/04/17  
**Independence Day**
- 07/12/17  
**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**  
TBD
- 08/2/2017  
**Board of Directors / Membership/Veteran**

NECAPAC had a very successful 2016 election cycle, earning a 92% win record! The 2016 NECAPAC Report is now available to view the candidates NECAPAC supported in the 2016 election cycle, NECAPAC's top donors, and many other facts and statistics about NECAPAC.

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### **TAKE ACTION: Tell Your Representatives to Con-Sponsor Cadillac Tax Repeal Legislation**

Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) and Senator Martin Heinrich (D-NM) re-introduced S. 58, a bill which would repeal the Cadillac tax, and a House companion bill, the Middle Class Health Benefits Tax Repeal Act of 2017 (H.R. 173), was introduced by Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA) and Rep. Joe Courtney (D-CT). Now is the time to tell you Senators and Representative to cosponsor Cadillac Tax repeal legislation!

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## **Meetings & Events**

### **Register Today for the National Legislative Conference**

Registration is now open for the NECA National Legislative Conference in Washington, DC on April 26 and 27. This annual meeting is the premiere legislative conference for electrical contractors to hear about the top issues affecting the industry and to meet the leaders who are working to provide real solutions.

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### **NECA Now Early Registration Rates End February 16**

**Join us in San Antonio, TX on March 27-29, 2017**

NECA Now focuses on leadership development with presentations by top business experts. Other sessions cover a variety of current topics including business development, operations, financing, and personal development. And, there will be time to establish new relationships and learn from your peers.

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### **2017 Future Leaders Conference**

May 17-19, San Francisco, CA

All Emerging electrical construction industry professionals employed by a NECA member company or chapter are invited to

#### **Member/Guest/Spouse Meeting**

08/31/2017

**NECA Open at Anchorage Golf Course**

09/04/17

**Labor Day**

09/13/17

**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**

10/07-10/17

**2017 NECA Convention & Trade Show Seattle, WA**

10/2017 Date TBD

**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**

11/08/17

**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**

11/11/17

**Veteran's Day**

11/23/17

**Thanksgiving Day**

12/02/17

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

12/25/17

**Christmas Day**

attend. Future Leaders Conference attendees are responsible for their travels and hotel reservations.

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## 2017 NECA Safety Professionals Conference

May 22-24, Las Vegas, NV

The NSPC is an opportunity to gain knowledge of the latest issues affecting the safety of our workers and how to keep them safe on the job. It's a great time to socialize and network with your safety peers and be surrounded by people that share your interest in keeping our workers safe.

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## Publications & Resources

### NECA Adds Push Notifications to News app

Great news for NECA News app subscribers! The NECA News app will now utilize the native push notification functionality on your devices to send you breaking news and required notices.

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## 2017 Construction Outlook

NECA's magazine, ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, recently published the 2017 Construction Outlook; an article that reviews the different areas of the construction industry and evaluates trend and growth.

### Here's what to expect in 2017:

In 2017, construction is expected to regain momentum after an underwhelming performance in 2016. Just don't anticipate an economy running like a high-performance racer. It will remain more like the "gets you where you need to go" family vehicle. A recovery now seven years and counting has moved incrementally, allowing some construction sectors to fully recover and others to move near post-recession levels. Some sectors will remain nearer to those post-recession levels than others in this new year.

### The Bottom Line:

There's still fuel in the tank in an expansion yet to peak. Expect to see gains and progress of varying degrees across all construction sectors this year.

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## 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.

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