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## Alaska Chapter News

### July and August Board of Directors and Membership Meetings

July's Membership meeting is cancelled and the Board of Directors will meet on the 13<sup>th</sup> for a lunch meeting.

The annual Board of Directors, Membership, Veteran Member, Guest, Spouse meeting will be held at the Chapter on August 10<sup>th</sup>, notice to go out soon. Please save the date and invite any retired NECA members you know might be in town. Please RSVP by clicking the link from our website, or call the Chapter and let us know if you plan on attending.

### NECA Open

This year's NECA Open Golf Scramble will be held at the Anchorage Golf Course August 11<sup>th</sup> with a 7:00 AM shotgun start. Registration forms have gone out. They can also be found on the Chapter's website.

## Meetings & Events

### NECA 2016 Boston Registration is Now Open

It will be the fifth time-and the first since 2010-that Boston will serve as host of NECA's annual convention. NECA 2016 Boston is bringing back many events from years past and adding a few new ones that will help electrical contractors stay competitive in today's industry. NECA 2016 Boston has shifted to a Friday-Monday schedule this year (not Sunday- Tuesday as in recent years).

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## Events

- 07/04/16  
Independence Day
- 07/06/16  
Board of Directors Only Meeting in Anchorage  
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- 08/10/16  
Board of Directors / Membership/Veteran Member/Guest/Spouse Meeting in Anchorage
- 08/11/16  
NECA Open at Anchorage Golf Course
- 09/05/16  
Labor Day
- 09/14/16  
Board of Directors / Membership Meeting in Anchorage
- 10/07-10/16  
2016 NECA Convention & Trade Show Boston, MA
- 10/2016 Date TBD  
Board of Directors /



## Government Affairs

### **NECA Members Gather on Capitol Hill to Discuss Issues Facing Electrical Construction Industry**

Nearly 150 member electrical contractors from around the country joined NECA staff for a day of nearly 200 meetings on Capitol Hill May 18-19 for the 2016 National Legislative Conference to discuss top issues facing the electrical construction industry.

NECA's top priorities for 2016 have included a wide variety of issues aimed at ensuring the businesses of electrical contractors continue to grow and prosper. These important issues include investing in the nation's aviation, energy and water infrastructure; creating new and innovative multiemployer defined benefit pension plans; and calling for the full repeal of the Cadillac Tax on health plans.

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### **House Bill Aims to Boost Sales of Surplus Federal Buildings**

NECA Looks to Increase Opportunities for Members

The House has approved legislation on May 23 aimed at stepping up sales of vacant and underused federal buildings, a move that NECA and other construction groups believe could lead to a large volume of construction work as the facilities are converted to new uses.

NECA has strongly advocated that Congress should enact federal property reform legislation that incentivizes building retrofits and upgrades to improve the energy efficiency of federal buildings.

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### **TAKE ACTION: Tell Congress to Authorize Composite Plan Design for Multiemployer Pension Plans**

The NECA-supported Multiemployer Pension Reform Act of 2014 (MPRA) included several major reforms and brought about a joint effort between management and labor. Unfortunately, the law did not include the important recommendation of creating "composite" benefit plans which are a hybrid between a defined contribution and a defined benefit plan. Allowing plans to transition to composite plan designs is necessary to provide a secure retirement benefit for the electrical construction industry's workers and to protect the fiscal viability of employers that contribute to NECA multiemployer pension plans.

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### **NECA Urges Senate to Conference with House on Energy Bill**

#### **Membership Meeting in Anchorage**

11/09/16

**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting in Anchorage**

11/11/16

**Veteran's Day**

11/24/16

**Thanksgiving Day**

12/03/16

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

12/25/16

**Christmas Day**

The National Electrical Contractors Association, the nationally recognized voice of the electrical construction industry, has voiced its support for the bipartisan energy legislation recently approved by both the Senate and the House (S. 2012), sending a letter to every member of the Senate on Wednesday morning.

In the letter, Marco Giamberardino, NECA's Executive Director of Government Affairs, urged members of the Senate to proceed to formal conference with the House on the legislation, which he deemed "critical."

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## On The Job

### IoT Applications for NECA Contractors

Small sensors, transmitters and computer chips embedded in everything from thermostats to coffee makers to jet engines – it's the **Internet of Things (IoT)** – and you can see it on a demo jobsite with a mixed fleet of construction machinery connected with software and technology.

NECA Contractors are on the leading edge of what we do in the built electrical environment, and the IoT is the instrumentation of that environment. According to Chris Rezendes, of INEX Advisors, working with construction firms to find promising growth opportunities in the digital/IoT world, the "instrumentation of assets" is the use of digital plans and models, sensors, data and embedded communication devices in the physical objects that contractors build (buildings, pipelines, bridges or sports fields).

"You should feel threatened, at least a little bit, by big technology companies trying to instrument your assets for you, maybe to you," Rezendes says. "I'm going to tell it to you straight: He or she who controls the intelligence-the data about those assets, inventories and areas of operation-will control that market, the customer, the regulatory environment and the supply chain. They will control you," he says.

The IoT is changing the game for data access. The more accessible data becomes, the more human beings become empowered to make choices. The IoT allows humans to visualize and interact with very powerful data in a way like never before. Until now, this interaction was limited to the sciences of technology and data collection. So, what effects could the IoT have on your construction project? "Little costs" can add up and the IoT can help NECA Contractors attain big savings.

- **Labeling you supplies with RFID tags** can ensure that you never lose another piece of equipment.

- **Maintenance alerts** can be sent when a tool is in need of repairs utilizing self-detecting sensors to head-off the necessity for last-minute work or even costly breakdowns.
- Another area of cost savings can be found in **energy conservation** made possible with devices monitoring the temperature of buildings, how much power is being used, and how often machinery is left idling.

The IoT has widespread applications for the electrical contracting industry. From equipment monitoring and repair to management and ordering, your construction company can be transformed by the impact of IoT applications.

Whether you have adopted some of these new technologies or not, you can certainly begin to see the advantages of utilizing many of them in your business ventures.

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## Safety

### OSHA Silica Rule

A new webinar for all Construction Industry Safety Coalition participants is now available and can be viewed to learn how the new final rule on silica will impact you and some of the key information you should know moving forward.

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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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