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Alaska Chapter News

Board of Directors and Membership Meeting

The Annual meeting will be this Saturday, December 6th with the Board meeting beginning at 10:30 AM and the membership meeting following at 11:30 AM. The holiday party will again be at the Embassy Suites. If you have not yet sent in your RSVP to the meeting and/or the Holiday party, please do so ASAP.

Welcome to our newest Alaska Chapter Member

The Alaska Chapter would like to welcome our newest NECA member, Bristol Environmental Remediation Services. Their contact information can be found on the Chapter's website at www.alaskaneca.org.

Bristol Environmental Remediation Services, works in some of the most challenging environments, from remote Alaska islands to isolated desert locations throughout the Western U.S. Capabilities include consulting, remediation (cleanup) of contaminated sites, waste characterization and disposal, demolition of structures, and closure of pipelines, in addition to electrical and communications systems work. BERS' electrical, communications and low-voltage services provide high-quality installation and support for every project.



Publications & Resources

NECA Guide to NFPA 70E Employer (Contractor) Responsibilities

The latest version of NFPA 70E (the Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace) has just been released. The new *NECA Guide to NFPA 70E Employer (Contractor) Responsibilities* will help industry professionals understand and apply it. This guide explains the planning and documentation requirements that must be followed in order to communicate risks effectively to customers and employees. It also includes a letter template that

Events

12/06/14

Annual Board of Directors / Membership Meeting & Holiday Party in Anchorage
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12/25/14

Christmas Day

01/01/15

New Year's Day

01/14/15

Board of Directors / Membership Meeting in Anchorage

can be used to express your commitment to following these requirements to employees and clients.

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Business Forms on CD-ROM Available in the NECA Store

Here's an oldie but a goody: This CD contains all 29 standard estimating and job management forms in a printable PDF format. Forms include: Job Work Order, Tool and Equipment Requisition, Extra Work Order (long and short form), Material Requisition, Job Time Report, Weekly Time Card. Only \$99 for the full set.

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Take Action

Year-End Push for NECA Priorities in Full Force

On November 21st, NECA sent a letter to the House and Senate, advocating for key priorities NECA expects to be addressed during the remaining days of the 113th Congress, including support for a well-funded appropriations bill that would bring predictability to federal construction programs, passage of key expired tax provisions, pension reform, repeal of the transitional reinsurance fee, and reauthorization of the terrorism risk insurance act.

We also received some interesting news regarding pension reform when the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) released its annual report, showing that the multiemployer program deficit has increased more than five times over previous projections. The Partnership for Multiemployer Retirement Security, in which NECA is a leading member, issued a statement saying that the report underscores the urgency for Congress to act in the near term to provide retirement security for millions and economic security for businesses involved in multiemployer pensions.

FYI: While we hope to see movement on these issues before the end of the year, NECA has already begun meeting with new legislators and developing a legislative agenda for the 114th Congress.

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If you have not yet contributed to ECPAC for 2014 there is still time! You can ask the Chapter for an ECPAC contribution form

at the upcoming annual meeting this Saturday, December 6, 2014, or click on the link below to contribute online.

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On The Job

NAED Releases Technology Benchmarking Survey Results

This past summer, NECA conducted a study with the National Association of Electrical Distributors (NAED) to gather data about how electrical contractors use technology. In addition to documenting the wide variety of technological devices that ECs use at work, the study looked at contractors' website preferences, how they utilize websites, and their online business activities. The results are clearly laid out in an infographic included with this article which also lists the top five important tasks contractors do online and explains "why contractors search Google first" (*for product information*).

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Safety

OSHA Extends Enforcement Delay for Revised Power Line Work Standards

Temporary delay in the enforcement of revised standards for transmission and distribution work extended through December 31, 2014. ET&D Partnership requests meeting with OSHA.

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Registration Now Open for 2015 NFPA 70E Significant Changes Webinar

December 16, starting at 11:00 a.m. EST, \$29.99 per attendee. Every three years the *NFPA 70E Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace*® is updated, providing the most up-to-date requirements for safe work practices to reduce exposure to major electrical hazards.

This program discusses the significant changes found in the 2015 edition of the 70E standard and is designed for those who want to stay in touch with these revisions, learn the reasoning behind the changes, and determine how the changes impact employees and employers. Individuals from all backgrounds – contractors, inspectors, engineers and instructors – are encouraged to participate.

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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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