



THE MONTEREY CURRENT

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To Benefit... Participate!



WELCOME ABOARD!

We would like to welcome **American Electrical Services (AES)** of Hollister as our newest members! Rick Champion, the Accredited Representative for AES joined us for our General Membership Meeting in March. Their firm specializes in new residential developments, solar and monitoring systems. We are happy to have you as our newest members!



CERTIFIED PAYROLL REPORTING

Contractors and subcontractors on most public works projects are required to furnish certified payroll records (CPRs) to the Labor Commissioner, using DIR's new electronic payroll reporting (eCPR) system.

Enforcement of this requirement is on hold but the eCPR system continues in operation. The DIR strongly encourages contractors and subcontractors to continue using the system while upgrades are in progress. Please refer to the [attached bulletin](#) issued by the DIR.



ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY IS APRIL 27th!

Don't forget the person that keeps you on track!! Here's a little history on how it came to be!

During World War II, there was an increased need for skilled administrative personnel, particularly in the United States. The National Secretaries Association was formed to recognize the contributions of secretaries and other administrative personnel to the economy, to

support their personal development and to help attract people to administrative careers in the field. The association's name was changed to Professional Secretaries International in 1981 and, finally, the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) in 1998.

These changes in name reflected the changing nature of the tasks, qualifications and responsibilities of the members of the organization. IAAP now has an international orientation and continues to provide education and training and set standards of excellence recognized by the business community on a global perspective. The organization's vision is "to inspire and equip all administrative professionals to attain excellence".

The first National Secretaries Week was organized in 1952 in conjunction with the United States Department of Commerce and various office supply and equipment manufacturers. The Wednesday of that week became known as National Secretaries Day. As the organization gained international recognition, the events became known as Professional Secretaries Week® and Professional Secretaries Day®. In 2000, IAAP announced that names of the week and the day were changed to Administrative Professionals

Week and Administrative Professionals Day to keep pace with changing job titles and expanding responsibilities of the modern administrative workforce. Many work environments across the world observe this event.

*"Your attitude,
not your aptitude
will determine
your altitude!"*

Zig Ziglar



TEAMSTERS LOCAL PESION SEEKS BENEFIT CUTS

A New Jersey based Teamsters local pension fund has become the third multiemployer pension plan know to apply for Treasury Department approval of benefit suspensions.

In separate notices issued January 26, Treasury indicated that the Teamsters Local 469 Pension Plan in Hazlet, NJ has joined the Iron Workers Local 17

Pension Fun in Cleveland and the Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Pension Fund in seeking to use provisions of 2014 federal law designed to help financially troubled multiemployer plans avert future insolvency by suspending the accrued benefits of plan participants.

The notices were published in the January 27 Federal Register.

Thirty-nine employers were part of the Teamsters Local 460 plan in 2014, and it included 1,781 total participants, only 128 of whom were active, the plan said in its 2014 Form 5500 filing. Current assets were \$122.6 million and liabilities were \$279.9 million, the local reported.

The Teamsters fund filed its petition December 28, five days after the Iron Workers filed theirs, although the latter application wasn't received by Treasury until December 28, the department said.

Treasury has 225 days to reject each application.

The massive Central States fund became the first multiemployer plan to file for rescue under the Multi-employer Pension Reform Act, when it filed its application with Treasury in September.

Karen Friedman, Executive Vice President of the Pension Rights Center in Washington, told Bloomberg BNA that although she hasn't yet seen the filing by the Teamsters Fund, "this goes to show that plan after plan is now going to cut their retirees benefits to balance their books." She said "this is completely unfair" and that there needs to be a "better solution to address underfunded multiemployer plans."

Friedman added that "Congress will rue the day" that it supported the MPRA.

The Teamsters fund's Business Manager declined to comment to Bloomberg on the filing.



MILLENNIALS AND MONEY: A SNAPSHOT

Every generation seems to have its own unique take on money and finances. From the Forbes magazine website comes this roundup of facts and figures on how millennials deal with money:

- **Retirement:** A Wells Fargo study found that 45 percent of

millennials aren't saving for retirement. One reason: They're burdened with student debt

- **Bills:** The American Institute of CPA's has reported that millennials tend to have higher delinquency rates on bills; 25 percent have missed a bill or been contacted by a creditor because of late payments.
- **Home Ownership:** Fortune magazine reports that only 22 percent of people in their 30s with student debt own a home a decrease from 34 percent in 2008.

APRIL FOOL!

It's April 1st – the day for practical jokes large and small. If you're looking for inspiration remember one of the all-time great media hoaxes.

In 1957 the BBS's respected news program Panorama ran a story celebrating a bumper spaghetti crop in Switzerland – thanks to a mild winter and the near elimination of the destructive "spaghetti weevil". The program included footage of Swiss farm workers pulling stands of spaghetti from trees and laying them in the sun to dry. Although some viewers caught on – and chastised



the BBC for playing fast and loose in the news program – others feel hook, line and pasta ladle. Many even telephoned the network to ask where they could get their own spaghetti trees!



UPCOMING CLASSES OFFERED THROUGH THE JATC

CPR/FIRST AID

Since First Aid/CPR language has been added to the Inside Agreement and will now be a requirement, the JATC has decided to offer it more regularly. The classes will now be offered monthly. Roni Jane Sudyka will be the trainer and the class is always well received. Blood borne pathogens will also be covered. The next class is scheduled for Saturday, March 5th beginning at 8:30 am, at the Training Center. Please call Stacy to sign up and to inquire about the additionally scheduled dates.

CALCTP

California Advanced Lighting Controls Training Program

(CALCTP) with Instructor Stephen Slovacek is looking for participants. This class is a total of 50 hours: 10 hours of lecture and 40 hours of lab. The class schedule will be coordinated with those in attendance. **YOU MUST BRING PROOF OF COMPLETING THE ONLINE COURSE TO THE FIRST CLASS OR EMAIL TO stacy@tricityjtc.org.**

Students will not be allowed to attend the class if they have not completed the online coursework. Go to bit.ly/IBEW234CALCTP to get started today. There is a \$125 stipend available upon successful completion provided by the Monterey Bay LMCC.



CALCTP-AT

The JATC is also taking sign-ups for the California Advanced Lighting Controls Training Program-Acceptance Testing (CALCTP-AT) with Instructor Stephen Slovacek. This class is a total of 24 hours. The class schedule will be coordinated with those in attendance. The prerequisite for this class is completion of the 50 hour CALCTP. An application form must be completed prior to starting

class. To register for this class there is a \$225 application/record maintenance fee. Go online to goo.gl/qkW7AI to complete an application and pay the application/record maintenance fee. There is a \$125 stipend available upon successful completion provided by the Monterey Bay LMCC.



MOTORS CLASS

A motor class, with instructor David Martinez is scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month. Drop on in for this series! This is a (3) hour class. The next class is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19th at 5:30pm.

EVITP - CONDENSED

EVITP 3.0 Class Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) 3.0 with Instructor Stephen Slovacek. This class is a condensed version of the 35 hour course. It is a prerequisite for EVITP that you are a California Certified General Electrician. The first class is scheduled for March 8th at 6 pm. As a bonus, there is a \$125 stipend available upon successful

completion provided by the Monterey Bay LMCC.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED UPGRADE CLASSES

Congratulations to the following individuals who have recently completed classes offered through the apprenticeship program! We appreciate your commitment to the industry!

CPR/FIRST AID W/BLOOD BORNE PATHOGENS

- John Agra
- John Aguilar
- Brad Conger
- Igor Malyghin
- Josh Murray
- Adalberto Padilla
- Issac Rivera
- Justin Soto
- Chad Vargas





FLUKE TRAIN THE TRAINER

- Sean Kent
- Dave Martinez
- Jose Moncada
- Stephen Slovacek
- Ed Sudyka
- Derek Webster



FLUKE METER CLASS

The JATC held a special Fluke power meter class on Saturday, March 12th. Fluke representatives Toffee Coleman and Wade Thompson put on a special

class demonstrating their 435 meter and three-phase power. Thank you to Fluke for their generosity and to all that attended this class.

- Abraham Adams
- John Agra
- John Aguilar
- Jeff Beers
- Brad Conger
- Andy Gattis
- Edith Jimenez
- Ronnie Lance
- Steve Luiz
- Patricio Ortiz
- Steve Rios
- Issac Rivera
- Maxwell Schnittger
- Jaime Urzua
- Chad Vargas



"WHAT DO YOU MEAN A CIRCUIT IS OVERLOADED?
I THOUGHT YOU GUARANTEED
YOUR WORK FOR THIRTY PAYS."

JATC APPLICANT TEST SCHEDULED

The Tri-County Electrical JATC accepts applications on a year round basis. The next aptitude test has been scheduled for August 6, 2016. For more information regarding the process, please click in the following link:

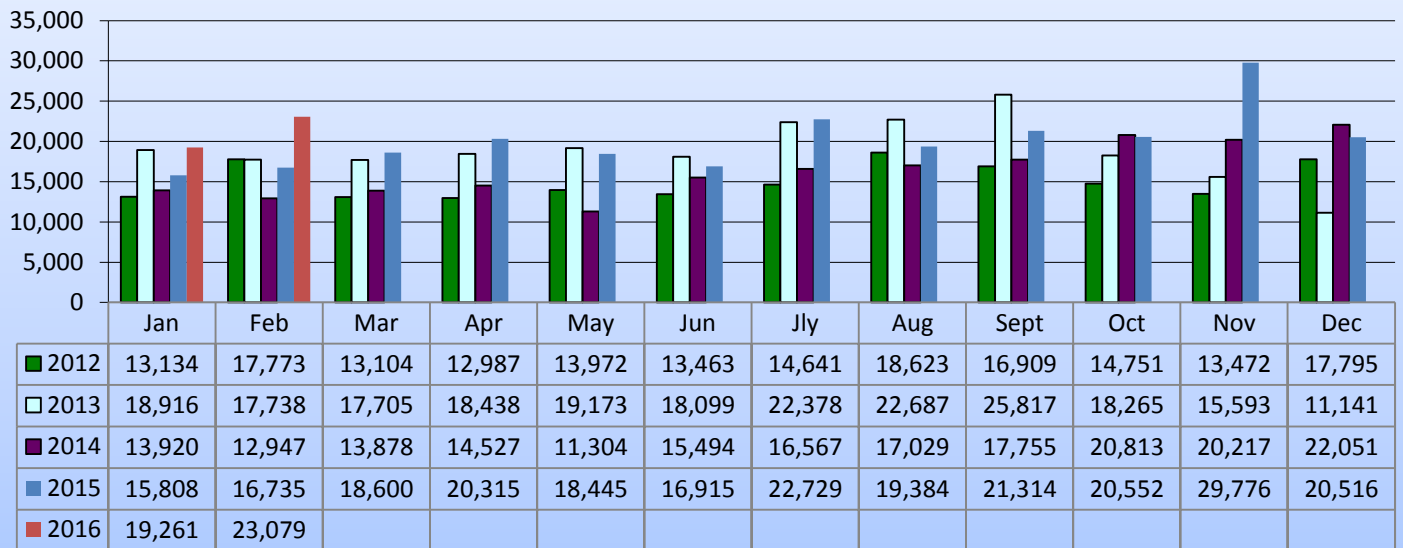
[JATC INFORMATION](#)



AVAILABILITY LIST UPDATE

On the Inside Out-of-Work List, there are 3 on Book 1, 67 on Book 2 and 3 on Book 3. For Sound & Comm. there is 1 on Book 1, 1 on Book 2 and 1 on Book 3. There are 31 CW's on Book 1 and 111 on Book 2. There are no Inside apprentices available for work at this time.

INSIDE MONTHLY HOURS REPORT



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR



March 30 – April 1, 2016

District Nine Meeting
Scottsdale, AZ

April 27, 2016

Administrative Professional's Day

April 30, 2016

JATC Interviews
Castroville, CA

May 6, 2016

Tri-County JATC Graduation
Hyatt Monterey
Monterey, CA

July 30 – August 5, 2016

National Training Institute
Ann Arbor, MI

October 7-10, 2016

NECA Convention
Boston, MA

October 8, 2016

IBEW 234 Family BBQ
Toro Park – Buckeye Area
Salinas, CA