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form below with as much information as possible. Once completed, print out and send the signed form along with any corroborating documentation in support of your complaint to the DAS.

Complaint form:

<http://www.dir.ca.gov/das/ECU/ElectricianComplaintForm.pdf>

Send complaint form to:

Department of Industrial Relations
Division of Apprenticeship Standards
Electrician Certification Unit
Attn: Luisa Martinez
P.O. Box 420603
San Francisco, CA 94142



Upcoming MEI Seminars

Below is a list of the MEI Seminars that are currently available. Please note that the programs listed are subject to change. Register on-line at necanet.org!

NOVEMBER

Change Orders in Electrical Construction

November 4, 2009, Charlotte, NC. Sponsor: MEI and Miller Electric. This course is FREE to all Miller Electric Company Members and open to all NECA Members.

Executive Management Institute (EMI)

November 4-9, 2009, Amelia Island, FL. Sponsor: MEI.

electrical connections over 100 volt-amperes will be found in violation and their state contracting license will be subject to suspension or revocation.

If you need to verify if an individual is a registered apprentice or a certified electrician or an electrician trainee you can do so by going to the verification sites below.

Apprentice verification:

<http://www.dir.ca.gov/das/appcertpw/AppCertSearch.asp>

Electrician Certification verification:

<http://www.dir.ca.gov/das/ElectCert/ElectCertSearch.asp>

If you wish to file a complaint, please complete the complaint

Electrician Certification Enforcement

Enforcement of California's electrician certification law has become a reality. Effective July 1, 2009, the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) is responsible for enforcing the state certification requirement. Adhering to the NECA sponsored legislation, the CSLB and the Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS) recently agreed to a memorandum of understanding which provides that any complaints received by the DAS regarding the violation(s) of the certification law will be forwarded to the CSLB for investigation and enforcement.

Any C-10 contractor found using uncertified electricians to make

Managing Field Productivity
November 9, 2009, Madison, WI.
Sponsor: Wisconsin Chapter.

Advanced Estimating of Electrical Construction
November 9-10, 2009, Barnaby, BC. Sponsor: Canadian Electrical Assn of BC. To register contact Deb Cahill (604) 294-4123

Pre-Fabrication Design of Effective Process: A Tool for Maximizing Profitability in Electrical Construction
November 10, 2009, Tangent, OR.
Sponsor: Oregon-Pacific-Cascade.

Advanced Construction Law
November 12, 2009, Omaha, Nebraska. Sponsor: Nebraska Chapter.

Hard-Hat Productivity: 9 Critical Factors for Maximizing Profits
November 17, 2009, Portland, OR.
Sponsor: Oregon-Columbia Chapter.

Managing Field Productivity
November 18, 2009, Richmond, VA. Sponsor: Atlantic Coast Chapter.

Conflict Prevention & Resolution: From Expedited Job-Site Issue Resolution to Enhanced Claims Negotiations
November 19, 2009, Chicago, IL.
Sponsor: Chicago & Cook County Chapter.

Evaluate and Price Inefficiency Claims
November 23, 2009, King of Prussia, PA. Sponsor: Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter

DECEMBER

Pre-Construction Planning Process
December 1, 2009, Charlotte, NC.
Sponsor: Miller Electric Company. This course is **FREE** to all Miller Electric Company Members and open to all NECA Members. Contact Tim Hinson (904) 388-8000

Hard-Hat Productivity: The 9 Critical Factors for Maximizing Profits
December 2, 2009, Appleton, WI.
Sponsor: Wisconsin Chapter.

Pre-Fabrication Design of Effective Process: A Tool for Maximizing Profitability in Electrical Construction
December 8, 2009, Tangent, OR.
Sponsor: Kansas City Chapter.

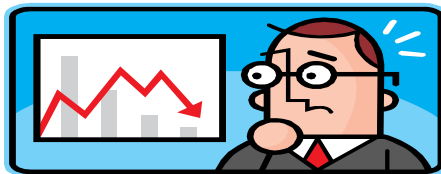
Facilities Energy Audit Education Program. Phase I-Screening Survey Workshop
December 10, 2009, Rosemont, IL.
Sponsor: MEI and the Northeastern Illinois Chapter.

Facilities Energy Audit Education Program. Phase I-Screening Survey Workshop
December 11, 2009, Wauwatosa, WI. Sponsor: Milwaukee and Wisconsin Chapters.

Basic Estimating of Electrical Construction
December 14-17, 2009, Rosemont, IL. Sponsor: MEI and the Northeastern Illinois Chapter.

Project Management for Electrical Construction
December 15-18, 2009, Indianapolis, IN. Sponsor: Central Indiana Chapter.

Note: For the most current course schedule, to read descriptions of each class and to register for an MEI course, please visit www.neca-mei.org.



EBCI Signals Improvement in August

ECMAG: October 2009

The National Electrical Manufacturers Association Electroindustry Business Confidence Index (EBCI) for current

North American conditions jumped nearly 12 points to 53.3 in August, an indication that the business environment facing electrical equipment manufacturers improved during the month.

A companion measure to the intensity of change in business conditions gave slightly less auspicious results. The intensity of change indicator rose to 0.0 on the month, suggesting conditions were essentially unchanged in August compared to July. Intensity of change in business conditions is measured on a scale ranging from minus 5 (deteriorated significantly) through 0 (unchanged) to plus 5 (improved significantly).

Meanwhile, the North American future conditions EBCI also climbed in August, rising 1.7 points to 68.3. This marked the highest reading for the future conditions index since August 2005 and implies that a significant proportion of industry executives expect at least some degree of improvement in the business situation within the next six months.

The Electroindustry Business Confidence Index gauges the business confidence of the electroindustry in Asia, Europe, North America and Latin America and is based on the results of a monthly survey of senior managers at NEMA-member companies.

Western Region 401k

Please find in your Recovery Plan folder information about how your company can sign up for the NECA Western Region 401k Plan.

Meetings and Events:

December 17, G/M & Board Meeting, 4:00pm
Location TBA

Tentative
Friday, January 29, 2010,
Daytime Chapter Planning Meeting
Location TBA

Note
2010 Calendar Will Be Set at Planning Meeting