



SUMMER

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Program Presentation October 17th

By now, we hope you have at least heard something about one of the latest programs from NECA, Inc. called E-CAP or the Energy Conservation and Performance Platform. This program offers NECA members of any size the ability to approach potential customers with energy retrofit projects and provide those customers with a number of financing options and performance guarantees by interested third parties. Best of all, none of the financing options involve your money.

The E-CAP program was developed by the National Office of NECA and introduced earlier this year. Members are beginning to use it to their advantage. The fact that this program became available just as California's Title 24 revisions take effect, makes it something you may want to integrate into your company as soon as possible.

Last month we had Chris Smith, Energy Solutions Coordinator for the California NECA/IBEW Labor Management Cooperation Committee speak to our members about the program. Chris will present the full NECA-E-CAP program next Friday, October 17th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at our Training Center in Martinez. Lunch will be provided. In order to receive the maximum benefit from the program, you will need to bring a laptop or tablet to follow along, and you will need your NECA ID number so you can sign up for the platform. To find your NECA ID number you can call or email our office. Or, if you still have a physical rolodex on your desk, there is a good chance your membership number is on a card protruding behind the letter "N"— It says "NECA Member Services" along the top. We encourage you to set up your account now so that you can familiarize yourself with the platform before you arrive. Visit <http://www.cneca.org/NECAE-CAP.html> and you will see [Developer Registration](#) link along with video and link to view brochure.

The educational program on October 17th is free of charge to all NECA members. If you are challenged by the use of today's tech devices, bring along someone from your office that can help you, as you do not want to miss any of this.

NECA has been providing outstanding programs for our members for more than a century. The unique timing of the rollout of this program with the various revisions of Title 24 presents the potential for this program to be one of the most valuable individual services to our members in many years. Please take full advantage by attending the program on October 17th. Click on the following link to email us an RSVP to reserve your spot now: [NECAECAP Presentation](#).





Worker's Compensation Pamphlet Update for Your New Hire Packet

Effective July 1, 2014, the Workers' Compensation pamphlet was updated with new pre-designation regulations to stay in compliance with California Law. These new regulations change the employee criteria when pre-designating a personal physician or medical group for work-related injuries or illnesses. The revised pamphlet includes two new forms: one for pre-designating a personal physician and one for pre-designating a chiropractor or acupuncturist.



California employers are required to give a Workers' Compensation pamphlet to all new employees at the time of hire, or no later than the end of the first pay period to stay in compliance with California Law.

Downloadable copy of New "Time of Hire" Pamphlet that you may use and put your company name and logo on is available at:

<http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/DWCPamphlets/TimeOfHirePamphlet.pdf>

NOTE

Regulatory changes continue as a result of Workers' Compensation reform measures. Remember, not informing employees of their rights in the workplace can result in lawsuits and fines.



Charlie Trout's

CODE QUESTION OF THE DAY

Do you know all the ins and outs of the Code?

NECA and Electrical Contractor magazine are pleased to present their daily online feature, "Code Question of the Day."

The National Electrical Code is the bedrock of the electrical construction business. One good way of keeping up with the Code is to work at it for just a few minutes each day. NECA and Electrical Contractor magazine have a daily online feature, "Code Question of the Day."

One of the advantages of being a NECA member is what you learn from your fellow contractors. With the "Code Question of the Day," members throughout the country submit questions, and you see the answers from Charlie Trout, a nationally known NEC expert and author. Mr. Trout has served on several NEC Technical Committees and is past Chairman of CMP-12.

To subscribe to Code Question of The Day, visit <http://necanet.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=2ec035d4293bf7013200366c1&id=fe3f94968a>. And, if you have a code question of your own that you have been kicking around in the office, go to <http://www.neca-neis.org/code-question-of-the-day/submit-code-question/> and submit it.

Give it a try. It's free.



Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee Application Announcements

Inside Wireman

Our Inside Wireman's JATC will be taking applications during the month of January 2015 at the Training Center in Martinez on Mondays (except the Martin Luther King holiday) from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, be a high school graduate or equivalent, and must have a full year of high school algebra with a passing grade of C or better. Even at this late date, it is possible for a motivated individual to meet the math requirement by taking the self-paced algebra course offered by the Martinez Adult school.

Please distribute the announcement (which can be downloaded from [here](#)) to any individual that you believe would be an asset to our industry.

NorCal Sound and Communication

Our Sound and Communication Industry takes applications a little differently than the Inside Program. Applications are taken at various times and locations throughout the region. Refer to the [Official Application Announcement](#) for times and locations and the minimum requirements needed to apply.

To view the NorCal Sound and Communication Brochure [Click here](#).

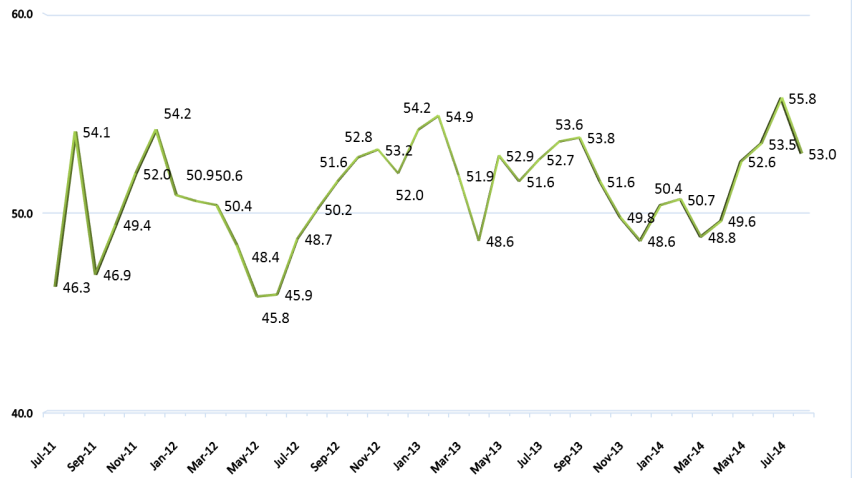


Architecture Billings Index Exhibits Continued Strength

ABI 53 for August 2014



On the heels of recording its strongest pace of growth since 2007, there continues to be an increasing level of demand for design services [more](#)



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