



SYNERGY

OUR 49TH YEAR

CONTRA COSTA CHAPTER

SEPTEMBER 2012

Electrical Industry Trust



The Annual Meeting of the Contra Costa County Electrical Industry Trust will be held at Zio Fraedo's Restaurant, in Pleasant Hill, Tuesday, September 25, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m. Our September NECA Chapter Membership Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting, and is open to all signatory contractors.

Each year the Board of Trustees report on the progress of the Electrical Industry Trust and the other Trust funds that are included in the hourly contribution rate, which increased from \$.85/hour to \$1.35 in July. The additional funding will be applied to our Apprenticeship and Journeymen Training Programs and our LMCC.

The Electrical Industry Trust will also be holding an election during this meeting to fill two Trustee positions. Candidates must be a representative of a Contra Costa-based firm that makes contributions on a regular basis to the various Trust funds under the Inside Wiremans Agreement. If interested, please contact the NECA office to get the proper nomination form and procedures.

We are also pleased to announce that Mr. Charles Ramsey, a Board of Member and the driving force behind the West Contra Costa Unified School District will be our featured speaker at the meeting. We know of no other individual in any political position, from the President of the United States on down, that has done more for our NECA/IBEW contractors than Mr. Ramsey. Shortly after the Richmond School district declared bankruptcy in 1991, Charles was elected to the WCCUSD Board and began embarking on a mission to revamp every school in the District. He is now close to achieving that goal, as the West Contra Costa School District has had the second largest building program in the State over the past 15 years. Only LA Unified has built more. Charles has also been the catalyst for helping our contractors get paid by being the first district in Northern California to post payments to general contractors on the [District Web Site](#). In fact, he has even helped spread our message to other Districts in the area. In 2006, the National Office of NECA honored Charles with NECA's Industry Partner Award.

Please make an effort to attend this meeting so you can catch up on anything you may have missed over the summer.



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[West Contra Costa Unified School District Web Site](#)

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Project Delivery Systems and The Changing Role of Electrical Contractors

A Workshop on Project Delivery Systems and The Changing Role of Electrical Contractors will be held on Wednesday, September 19, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at the Napa, JATC Training Center in Napa. The cost is \$335 (No charge for Solano/Napa Trust Contributors).

For a construction project to get off on the right track, it is important to select the right project delivery system. There is a wide range of construction project delivery systems, each of which has advantages and disadvantages to consider before the project begins. During this course you will be provided with a comprehensive analysis of each of these delivery systems along with the risk involved. The Instructor, Dr. Awad Hanna, is a professor of construction engineering & management at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His teaching focuses on construction scheduling, cost estimating, project management and control, and computer applications in construction.

Click on the link below to download a registration form and email to juanitas@norcalneca.org or fax to (925) 828-6392.

Click [here](#) for registration form.

NECA Now NECA Now

April 14 - 17th
2013

Each year, NECA holds a Spring District 9 meeting for NECA members and staff in California and Nevada. In April of next year, the District 9 meeting will be replaced with a national NECA meeting called "NECA NOW."

For a sneak peak on what to expect, click on the following link: [NECA NOW](#). It promises to be a good meeting and it is the hope of our National Office that many of you will attend. Further details will follow as we approach the meeting date.

Official Announcement

Sound and Communication Apprenticeship Applications

The Northern California Sound and Communication Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee takes applications for apprentices on a more or less continuous basis. Enclosed is an Official Announcement regarding Apprenticeship Applications. It contains wage and benefits information, description of trade, program scope, minimum requirements and qualifications for applicants, and a listing of the locations, dates and times that applications may be submitted.

Click [here](#) to view/download the announcement.

PG&E Wants to Know Why . . .



PG&E recently hired a consulting firm called Workforce Incubator to try to find out why companies may be putting off energy efficiency upgrades.

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) estimates as many as 29,000 clean energy jobs will be needed in PG&E's territory by 2020.

Engineers, energy auditors, project managers, skilled contractors and demand-side energy efficiency experts—to name just a few—will all be called on to make commercial, industrial and agricultural buildings more energy efficient.

Workforce Incubator is conducting a confidential survey for PG&E to determine how to help companies like yours overcome your clients' barriers to adopting energy efficiency solutions. The survey is via phone call and should take approximately 20 minutes.

Data compiled from the survey will guide content for a seminar course that you and your employees can take to improve your success in closing business deals with building owners and developers. The plan is for a pilot course this fall, and roll out across PG&E's territory next year. By participating in the survey you'll have an early opportunity for the training.

You can obtain more information by visiting the following links:

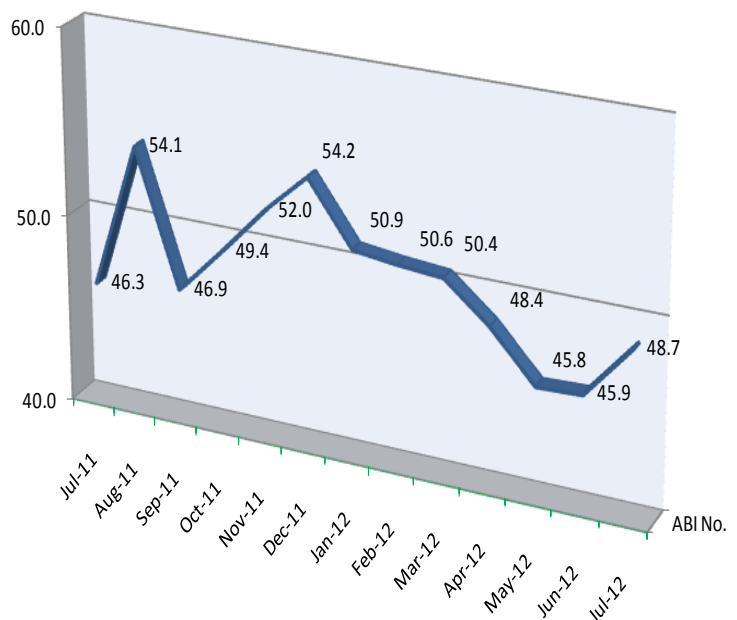
<http://www.pgecurrents.com/2012/03/01/educators-businesses-unite-to-address-need-for-clean-energy-jobs/>

www.eesectorstrategy.com

Click here to view/download a copy of the survey: [Survey](#)

architecture billings index

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) reported that the July ABI Score was 48.7. Since a score above 50 indicates an increase in billings, the design portion of our industry has just not picked up like we would have liked over the past several months.






September 2012

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	<i>Labor Day</i>						
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		Annual Electrical Industry Trust /NECA Board: 4:30 p.m. Chapter 6::00 p.m. Zio Fraedo's		JATC Training Center Martinez 12:00 p.m.		NECA Board of Governors Las Vegas	
30	NECA Convention Las Vegas						



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