



Synergy

OUR 50TH YEAR

CONTRA COSTA CHAPTER

DECEMBER 2013



As we enter the Holiday Season, our Christmas card is a birds-eye view of what the world looks like at night from space. In this light, it's not difficult to argue the point that there is reason for optimism for the future of our industry.

Happy Holidays,

Mike, Laramie & Sharon

OK!!! Sounds good,

Through the years, a number of our members have asked if NECA has a “standard” short-form contract that can be used when an electrical contractor will be working directly for the owner of a project. We anticipate this may become more important with some of the work that may flow from the Title 24 changes next year.

We had Joe Sweeney, our chapter attorney and an expert in contract law, develop a document that could be useful when you are working directly for an owner and you don’t want to scare your customer away with a long, involved contract. We have provided this short-form agreement in [word format](#), as well as [PDF](#), on our website www.ccneca.org to enable customization for your specific needs.



Also, keep in mind that many general contractors use the AIA *Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor* when contracting directly.

Send me Contract.

Retirement Trust

Financial Accounting Standards Board Requirement for Financial-Statement Disclosures by Employers who Participate in Multiemployer Pension Plans

To assist employers that contribute to the Contra Costa County Electrical Workers Retirement Trust and are required to make disclosure in their financial statements, we are providing the following plan-specific information needed for the table portion of the disclosure:

Legal Plan Name: Contra Costa County Electrical Workers Retirement Plan

EIN/Pension Plan No.: 94-6114525001

Pension Protection Act Zone Status: Not applicable: Defined Contribution Plan

FIP/RP Status Pending/Implemented: Not applicable: Defined Contribution Plan

Contributions of Individual Employer: Data to be provided by Employer

Total of All Employer Contributions for 2009: \$8,009,521.00

Total of All Employer Contributions for 2010: \$5,632,892.00

Total of All Employer Contributions for 2011: \$5,594,987.00

Total of All Employer Contributions for 2012: \$7,691,200.00

Surcharge Imposed: Not applicable: Defined Contribution Plan

Expiration Date of Collective Bargaining Agreement: May 31, 2014

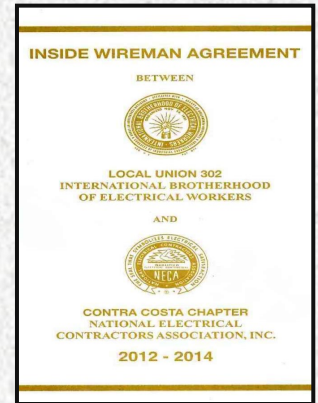
Disclosure About an Employer's Participation in A Multiemployer Plan

Important Notice

TO EMPLOYERS SIGNATORY TO THE WIREMAN'S AGREEMENT

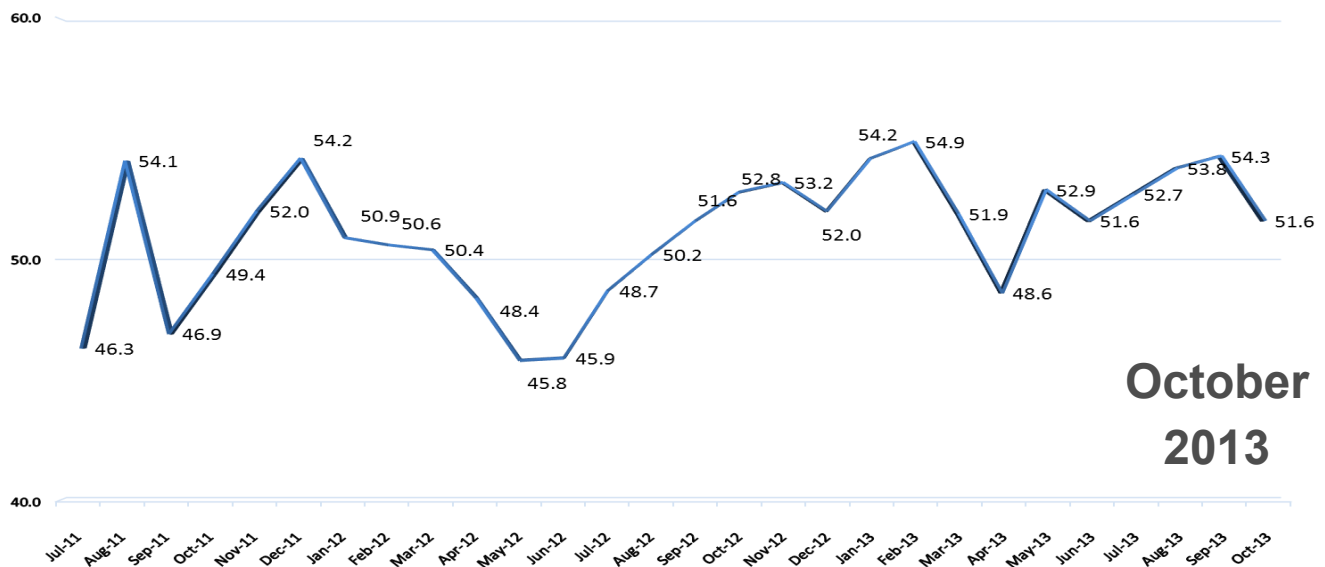
On May 31, 2014, our Inside Wireman Agreement with Local 302 will expire. The Chapter intends to negotiate a successor agreement that will be binding to all employers signed to a Letter of Assent A. The process begins in late February and will conclude by the end of May. The new agreement will become effective on or about June 1, 2014.

As a practical matter, this is not an issue for most of our employers. However, if you intend to terminate your relationship with the IBEW, you must do so in a timely manner. For employers signed to a Letter of Assent A, notification must be sent to the Chapter that you are withdrawing our bargaining rights, and to the Local Union that you are terminating the agreement, prior to the end of December 2013. For employers signed to a Letter of Assent B, the notification to the union must be sent prior to February 20, 2014. Since bargaining is a complicated legal process, an employer choosing to terminate should not do so without competent legal counsel.



If you have any specific items you would like addressed during the 2014 Inside negotiations, please contact Mike Geller at the Chapter Office.

Architecture Billings Index



October
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NECA and IBEW Joint Meeting

On November 15-16, representatives of the Chapter and IBEW Local 302 met for a two-day partnering session at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Concord.

The program was sponsored by our National Labor Management Cooperation Committee, and was the beginning of what we hope will be a better working relationship



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: the increased effectiveness that results when two or more people or businesses work together



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- Up to 30% on UPS Air packages (1 lb.+)*
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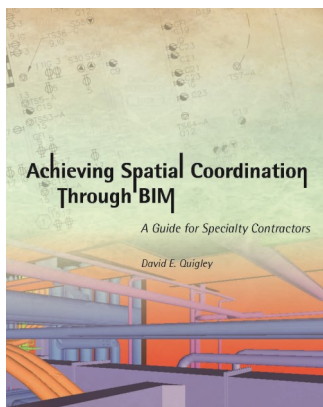
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Featured Publication

Achieving Spatial Coordination Through BIM: A Guide for Specialty Contractors



NECA, MCAA and SMACNA released a joint, in-depth analysis of how specialty contractors can best use Building Information Modeling (BIM) to the advantage of all construction project stakeholders.

*Free to NECA Members
Go to the NECA Store –Link Below
(Index# SCBIM-2013.)*

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December 2013



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1	2	3	4 Electrical Code Interpretations Committee Meeting	5	6	7
8	9	10 NECA Board of Directors Meeting 11:30 a.m. JATT 3:00 p.m. Training Center Martinez	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Northern CA LMCC Training Center San Leandro 10:00 a.m.	18	19	20	21
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