



Synergy

OUR 50TH YEAR

CONTRA COSTA CHAPTER

NOVEMBER 2013

Revisiting Our Purpose

As we approach the end of our 50th year, we thought it may be useful to revisit why the Chapter was formed. The Objects section of our Chapter Bylaws has never been changed.

Objects

- ⇒ To arrange for and promote meetings of Electrical Contractors who are engaged in business in this area, and provide them with an effective agency through which to express their collective voice.
- ⇒ To promote sound labor relations on the basis of labor and management cooperation in the public interest.
- ⇒ To promote and join in the operation of programs of practical training and related instruction for apprentices and advanced training for journeymen in the electrical trade in this area.
- ⇒ To distribute among the members and assist them in the use of the fullest information obtainable in regard to all matters affecting the business of Electrical Contracting.
- ⇒ To increase public acceptance for the services of Electrical Contractors in this area, by improving the standards of the industry both as to personnel and performance.
- ⇒ To cultivate a cooperative spirit among its members, and encourage respect for the rights of others, with proper regard for the laws and rules governing fair competition.
- ⇒ To collect in cooperation with National Electrical Contractors Association, Inc. business data from members and other sources in order that the economic value of the Electrical Contracting industry may be accurately presented to Governmental Agencies as well as other appropriate national bodies.
- ⇒ To establish and maintain friendly relations in this area between Electrical Contractors and all other branches of the electrical and construction industries.
- ⇒ To support the National Electrical Code and all recognized electrical installation standards which have been or may be established for this area.
- ⇒ To increase and stabilize the membership of National Electrical Contractors Association, Inc., and to cooperate in general with said National Association, conducting all activities in accord with its Constitution.

So in our case, the fact that we still pretty much do the same things we have always done is not necessarily a bad thing.

Chapter Marketing Survey

Checking Our Assumptions

The Chapter has developed a survey (link below) that will likely take you ten (10) minutes or less to complete. We ask that only one individual from each firm respond to the survey. We would like input from all NECA contractors — not just the permanent members of our Chapter, as we want to be sure to represent the interests of all NECA members. There is no identifying information that will be exposed by your responses.

Please give us the benefit of your input so that we can continue to do the very best possible job of expressing your “collective voice” going forward.



Thank you.

Michael Geller

Acceptance Testing Certification for Contractors

As reported over the past few months, the new Building Energy Efficiency Standards (California Code Regulations, Title 24, Part 6) requires that commercial buildings comply with the new acceptance testing requirements. Contractors will need to be certified as CALCTP-AT contractors. See the FAQs ([here](#)). A four-hour course is scheduled for December 2, 2013, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the San Clara JATC, 908 Bern Court, San Jose. Contractors interested in becoming Acceptance Testing certified should send at least one mid or senior-level manager to the class. To register, please contact Arielle@ejatc332.org.



Sound and Communication Agreement Wage/Fringe Benefit Increase

Under the terms of our 9th District Sound and Communications Agreement, Northern California Addendum #2, there is a \$1.55 wage/fringe benefit increase due on December 1, 2013.

Last month, the IBEW Sound & Communication members voted to allocate their \$1.55 increase as follows:

EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2013:

\$.70 to Wages

\$.70 to Health

\$.15 to Pension

Total: \$1.55

The wage sheets and cost per hour sheets may be viewed and downloaded from our website (<http://www.ccneca.org/20131030143211003.pdf>).

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VIDEO**
SOUND AND
COMMUNICATIONS
of Northern California

<http://www.norcalvdv.org/>



[Download/View Directory here.](#)

2013 SIGNATORY CONTRACTOR DIRECTORY for Sound and Communications Northern California

The 2013 Directories are in and will be going out shortly to the electrical contractors to facilitate their identifying your Specialties along with having your contact information. The directory is also available on the internet for viewing and downloading. (See link - figure to left.)

Sign Up for the NorCal VDV Email List

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and NorCal VDV would like to thank everyone who was able to make it to the NorCal VDV Job Fair on September 19th!

They are always looking for qualified installers, technicians and senior technicians with at least two years experience in the sound and communications industry. AV and Fire/Life Safety experience is a plus!

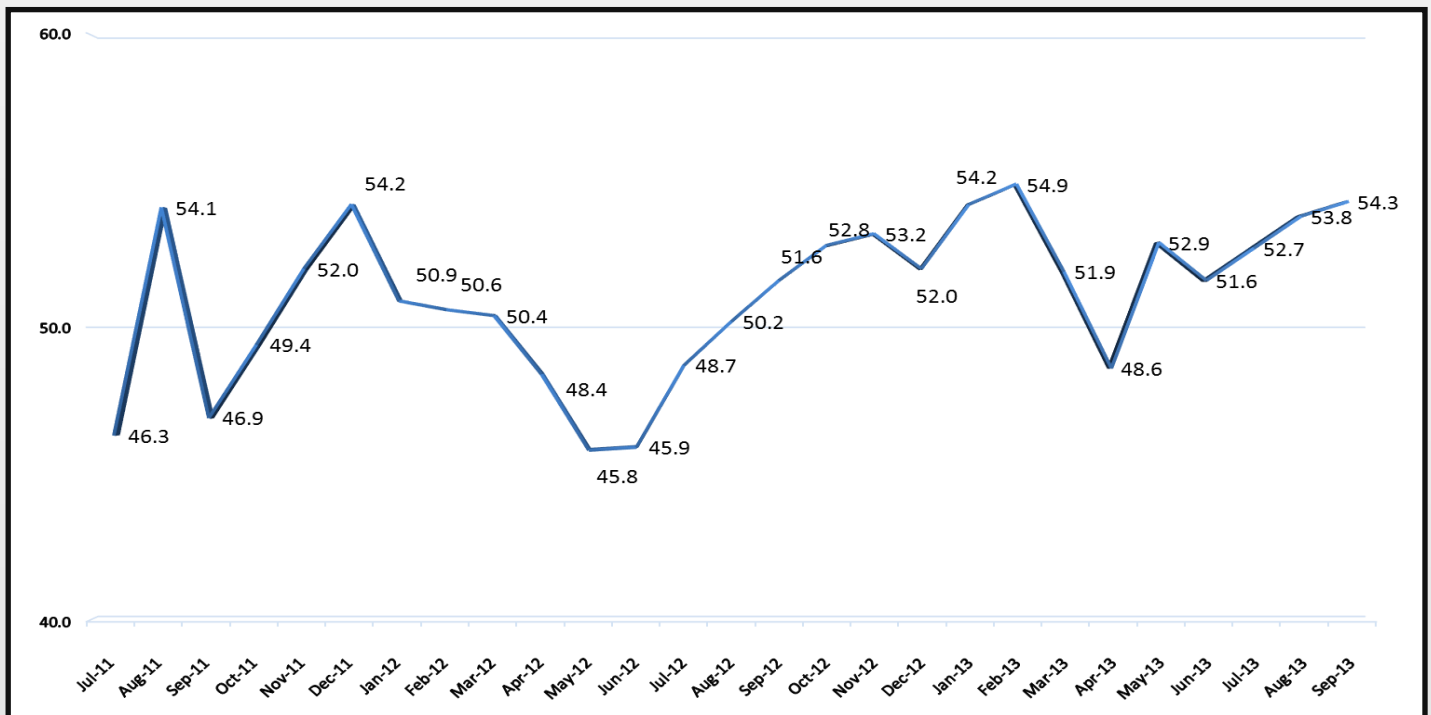
If you were unable to attend the last Job Fair and would like to be notified of future Job Fairs, please sign up for the NorCal VDV email list ([here](#)) to be notified of the details of the next event as soon as available.



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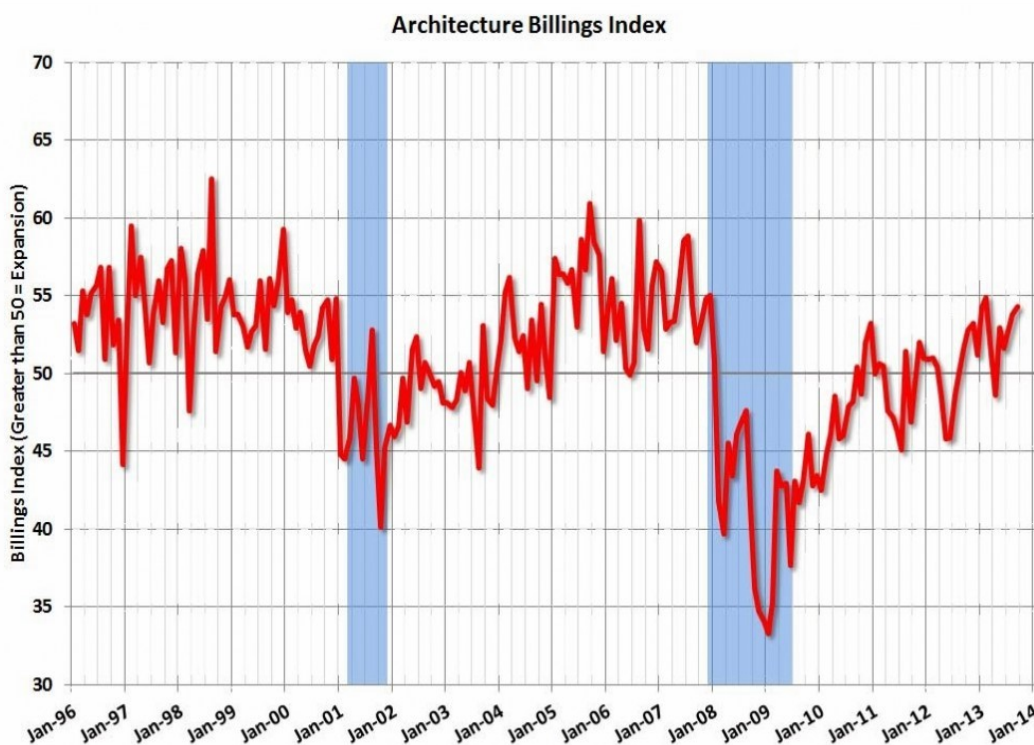
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**S&C
Golf
Cinnabar
Hills**

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**Health &
Welfare
1:00 p.m.**

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**LMCC Partnering
Meeting
Crowne Plaza
Concord
8 a.m.—4 p.m.**

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**National Joint Apprenticeship
& Training Committee
Fall Regional Seminar
Las Vegas, NV**

24 25 26 27 30

**Retirement
Trust
10:00 a.m.
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