



OUR 50TH YEAR

CONTRA COSTA CHAPTER

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California Advanced Lighting Control





A number of years ago, NECA and IBEW in California made the decision to hire Bernie Kotlier as Director of Energy Solutions for our Statewide LMCC. One of the projects he has been working on for the better part of the last five years is the California Advanced Lighting Control Project (CALCTP). Until recently, the project had not mustered the critical mass it needed to become part of the construction design culture or building standards in California.

Although we have offered the classes and trained interested journeyman, CALCTP has to this point been a non-event. That appears to be changing beginning on January 1st of next year.

Bernie has asked that we distribute the following information to all of our contractors:

As you know, the energy efficiency section of the California State Building Code, Title 24, is being updated January 1st, 2014. Included, will be a new comprehensive requirement for lighting controls. This presents a substantial business opportunity for NECA contractors.

CALCTP Certification Can Help You Build More Business

- ♦ State law, Title 24, will require a lot of new lighting control installations.
- ♦ Ability to go after this new work that can substantially increase your business.
- Your discussion with certain customers and prospects will shift from the <u>why</u> they should add lighting controls (it will be required by law in many cases), to the <u>who</u> will install them.
- The CALCTP certification will give you a distinct advantage in that you can talk about how your advanced tech training will deliver the return on investment expected.
- Printing CALCTP brochures and discussing them with your customers and prospects, you will be able to demonstrate the broad statewide recognition for your certified expert skills.
- You can also use the brochure in working with public and private property owners to get the CALCTP spec inserted in their job descriptions and/or general policies.

Downloads: CALCTP Brochure & CALCTP Training Presentation



ONE ACCOUNT BALANCE YOU SHOULD CHECK EVERY YEAR

Do you remember the letter you received from the Social Security Administration each year showing your earnings history and projecting your SSA benefits? Well they are no longer mailing them out, so you need to retrieve the information online at ssa.gov/mystatement. It will take a few minutes to set up your account, but you should verify that your earnings history is accurate (and that someone else is not reporting under your number).

Equally important, you should keep an eye on your projected benefits, and how they change from year to year.

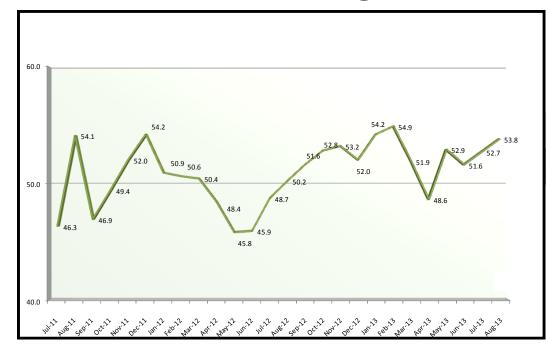


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Apprenticeship Applications

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Announcement

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Unlike our Inside Apprentice training program, our Sound Communication Industry takes applications on a monthly basis. If you know someone that you believe would be a good prospect for our Sound and Communication Apprenticeship program, please distribute the Official Announcement (link to the left) which details the minimum requirements. Interested individuals should apply in person at IBEW Local 302 Office in Martinez on the second Tuesday of the month between 1 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Sound and Communication

PUSD NOW POSTING PAYMENTS

that are big on transparency.



PUSD Website

The Pittsburg Unified School District recently became the second government entity in Contra Costa County to post payments to contractors.

We continue to push for this from all public entities because it is the right thing to do. A number of years ago we put together a publication (NECA Recommends) for the benefit of School Boards, telling our story, and we recommend that you distribute it to the public entities you deal with. It is typically well-received by Trustees/Board Members





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Pittsburg Unified School District Invoices Paid-to-Date Listing

Sound and Communication Apprenticeship Application Announcement

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