



OUR 50TH YEAR

CONTRA COSTA CHAPTER

OCTOBER 2013

## California Advanced Lighting Control

## *Project Update*



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 why they should add lighting controls (it will be required by law in many cases), to the who 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](#)

If you do nothing else with this newsletter, please click on the following link to see which of your competitors are CALCTP certified: <https://www.calctp.org/find-contractor>.



SOCIALSECURITY.GOV

## 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](http://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.

**Your Social Security Statement**  
Prepared for: [Name]  
Date: [Date]

**Your Estimated Benefits**

Benefit Type	Estimated Monthly Benefit
Retirement	\$1,234.56
Disability	\$1,098.76
Survivors	\$1,567.89

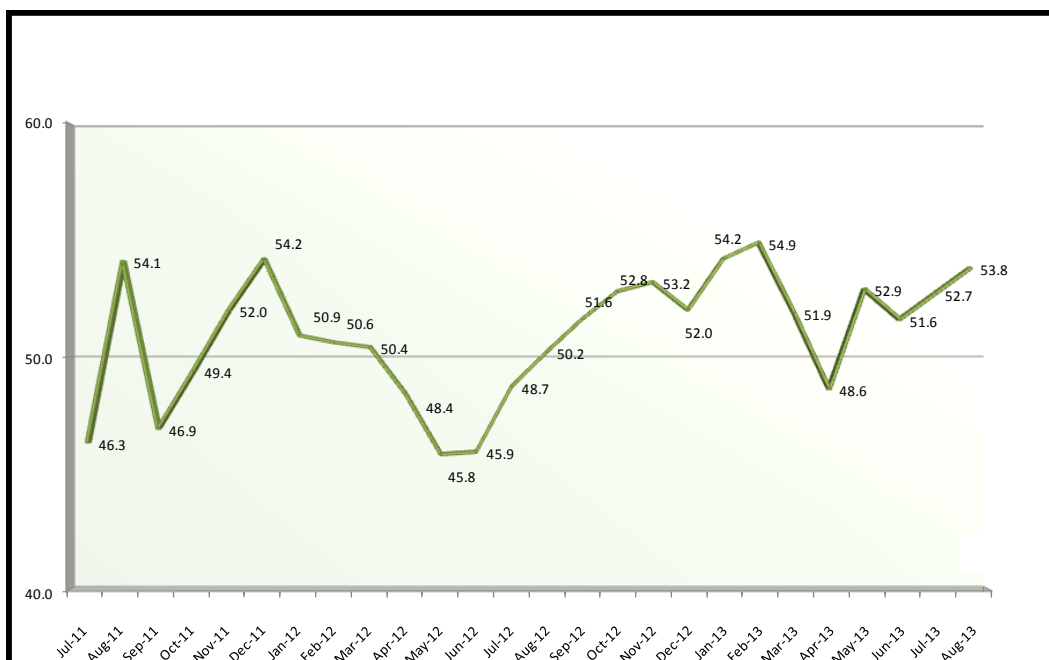
**Your Earnings Record**

Year	Earnings
2008	\$12,345
2009	\$13,456
2010	\$14,567
2011	\$15,678
2012	\$16,789

**Some Facts About Social Security**

Every 10 years, the Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a report on the Social Security program. This report provides information on the program's financial status, the number of people receiving benefits, and the program's projected future. The report is available on the SSA website at [ssa.gov](http://ssa.gov).

# Architecture Billings Index



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Any score above 50 indicates an increase and score below 50 indicates a decline.

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# VOICE DATA VIDEO

**SOUND AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**  
*of Northern California*

**Apprenticeship Applications**

**Official  
Announcement**

**View/Download [HERE](#)**

Unlike our Inside Apprentice training program, our Sound and 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



[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 that are big on transparency.



## **SYNERGY eLinks**

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Unified School District  
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