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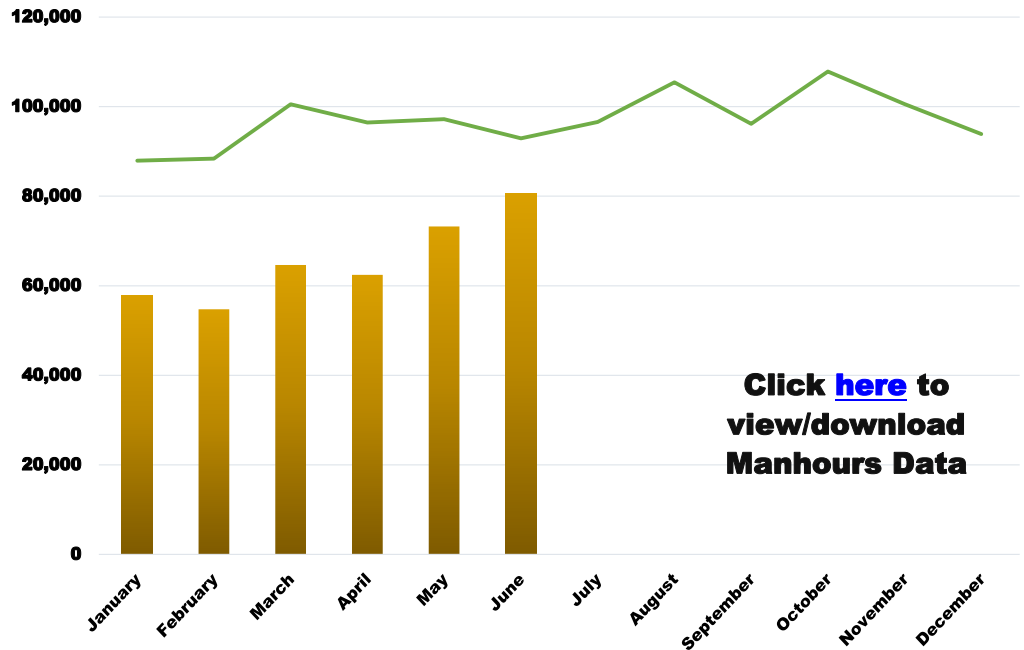
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2021 Mid-Year Metrics

IBEW LOCAL 302 INSIDE MANHOURS WORKED

2021 Compared with Historic Average

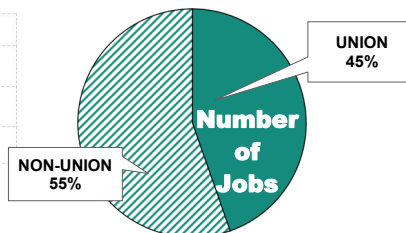


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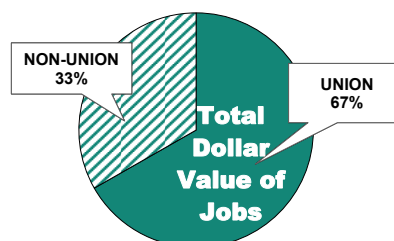
PUBLIC WORKS MARKET SHARE REPORT

Electrical Construction Jobs
Contra Costa County, California
2021 Q2

2021	UNION
	46 (45%)
TOTAL # JOBS	NON-UNION
103 (100%)	57 (55%)



2021	UNION
	\$34,278,116 (67%)
TOTAL \$ VALUE	NON-UNION
\$51,350,509 (100%)	\$17,072,393 (33%)



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California Agency Sides with Electrical Unions in Battery Storage Fight

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California regulators on Tuesday banned solar contractors without electrical licenses from installing battery storage, a move solar advocates say will hurt their industry and hinder the state's efforts to curb climate change and build up its clean-energy supply.

Impact: The multiyear battle at the Contractors State License Board has featured labor interests and other political heavy hitters vying to shape the rapid growth of rooftop solar and battery storage. Energy officials say solar-storage pairings are key to reduce emissions and localize energy supply, especially as climate change increases the number of heat- and wildfire-driven power outages.

Details: Board members sided with electrical workers' unions as they voted 11-3 to determine that solar contractors without an electrical license are no longer authorized to install battery energy storage systems. They justified the decision by citing safety concerns, saying that electrical contractors have certifications making them more qualified to install batteries.

The agency based its ban on a June report it commissioned from the UC Berkeley Labor Center, which found the technical capacity of the electrical workforce exceeded that of the solar workforce and warned of the dangers tied to batteries. But the researchers acknowledged that "only a very small percentage" of battery installations were performed by solar contractors without an electrical license.

Federal data show there have been no worker-involved hospitalizations or fatalities linked to California batteries since at least the mid-2010s.

Solar advocates last year criticized the agency's decision to commission the battery safety report from the Labor Center, calling the program "a longtime, outspoken and biased advocate of organized labor." The state license board dismissed this claim.

The Players: Supporters of the proposal to restrict solar contractors included the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1245 and the National Electrical Contractors Association. Both are staunch allies of utilities that have resisted customer-owned energy systems.

Other powerful organizations came out against the proposed ban, including Tesla, the California Building Industry Association and the California Solar and Storage Association. The solar industry group is also leading the campaign to preserve bill-reduction benefits for solar owners, another battleground in which utilities and their allies oppose unchecked expansion of rooftop solar.

What's next: The state agency said it would provide a 90-day grace period before enforcing the

Employee Vaccination Status

Vaccination status must be documented for fully vaccinated employees to work indoors without face coverings. The revised Emergency Temporary Standards does not specify a particular method but does state the employer must record the vaccination status and that this record must be kept confidential. Please note nothing in the revised Emergency Temporary Standards prevents an employer from requiring ALL employees to wear face coverings instead of having a documentation process. Acceptable record keeping/documentation options include:

- Employees provide proof of vaccination (vaccine card, image of vaccine card or health care document showing vaccination status) and employer maintains a copy.
- Employees provide proof of vaccination. The employer maintains a record of the employees who presented proof, but not the vaccine record itself.
- Employees self-attest to vaccination status and employer maintains a record of who self-attests.**

**Click [here](#) to see the Contra Costa County Employee Self-Attestation of COVID-19 Vaccination Status.

Under the Emergency Temporary Standards, an employer is not obligated to require employees to submit proof of being fully vaccinated. Absent such a requirement, an employee has the right to decline to state if they are vaccinated or not. In that case, the employer must treat the employee as unvaccinated and must not take disciplinary or discriminatory action against the employee. Employers should be careful to ensure employees are not harassed because of their vaccination status.

[Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Guidance and Resources](#)
to view available guidance and resources.

<https://www.dir.ca.gov/>
**for additional information and guidance on the
Emergency Temporary Standards and revisions.**

**[Revisions to the COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards
Frequently Asked Questions](#)**

Mandating COVID-19 Vaccinations

It is advised that you recommend or encourage your employees to get vaccinated, rather than requiring it. If an owner or general Contractor approach you with a vaccination mandate, we ask that you please contact the NECA Manager in that IBEW jurisdiction. It is our understanding that IBEW Local Unions in the Bay Area are complying when the mandate is customer driven, but each job should be dealt with on a stand alone basis.



Model COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP)

With some exceptions, all employers and places of employment are required to establish and implement an effective written COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP) pursuant to the Emergency Temporary Standards in place for COVID-19 (California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 8, section [3205\(c\)](#)). Cal/OSHA has developed this model program to assist employers with creating their own unique CPP tailored to their workplace.

Employers are not required to use this program. Instead, they may create their own program or use another CPP template. Employers can also create a written CPP by incorporating elements of this program into their existing Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP). Cal/OSHA encourages employers to engage with employees in the design, implementation and evolution of their CPP.

Using this model alone does not ensure compliance with the emergency temporary standard. To use this model program effectively, the person(s) responsible for implementing the CPP should carefully review:

All of the elements that may be required in the following CCR, Title 8 sections:

- ⇒ [3205, COVID-19 Prevention](#)
- ⇒ [3205.1, Multiple COVID-19 Infection and COVID-19 Outbreaks](#)
- ⇒ [3205.2, Major COVID-19 Outbreaks](#)
- ⇒ [3205.3, Prevention in Employer-Provided Housing](#)
- ⇒ [3205.4, COVID-19 Prevention in Employer-Provided Transportation](#)

Additional guidance and resources are available at www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/

NECA Announces Peer Group Initiative

NECA is excited to announce it has established relationships with three Peer Group outside professional facilitators: [Maxim Consulting](#), [HopeStar LLC](#), and [FMI](#), to offer a range of high quality options to best fit member firm's needs.

Peer Groups are a business group of companies that operate in the same industry sector and are of similar size but different geographical, non-competing markets. **Participants in Peer Groups have an opportunity to share experiences and gain perspectives from individuals in the electrical construction industry that do not operate in the same geographic market; thus, enabling an environment for trust and the open exchange of ideas and information.**

Benefits of a Peer Group include, but are not limited to:

- Ability to have candid conversations about operational challenges, the need for cost savings, improved productivity, and increased efficiencies.
- Access to a forum to discuss key business topics such as strategy, business development, finance, management, human resources, equipment, technology, safety, succession planning, operations, and industry best practices.
- Opportunity to learn from fellow contractors that have faced similar business challenges.
- Access to business consultants who can serve as a corporate advisory panel.
- Access to a strong network of peers and business growth strategies.

Any member interested in joining a peer group should complete the survey below.

[Complete Survey](#)

While NECA cannot guarantee all members will be a fit for every Peer Group, NECA is committed to create an opportunity for any NECA member that wants to join a Peer Group. NECA supports the formation of Peer Groups as a valuable opportunity for members to grow their businesses.

NECA does not actively participate in Peer Groups. Completion of this survey does not obligate joining a Peer Group. Please direct any specific questions to [Ian Andrews, Field Representative](#).



June 30, 2021

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Certification Requirements for Performing Mechanical Systems Acceptance Tests

SACRAMENTO – The mandatory requirement that any person performing a mechanical systems acceptance test in a nonresidential building must be certified as an acceptance test technician (ATT) by an acceptance test technician certification provider (ATTCP) took effect on April 14, 2021. The mechanical systems ATT requirement is part of the Building Energy Efficiency Standards ([Energy Code](#)) Section 10-103.2. To allow a reasonable time for training and implementation of additional acceptance test technicians, the California Energy Commission (CEC) expects authorities having jurisdiction (AHJ) to enforce the mechanical systems ATT requirements to all nonresidential permit applications submitted on or after **October 1, 2021**.

Additionally, an ATT certification has been required to perform the lighting controls acceptance tests in compliance with the Energy Code for all newly installed or modified lighting controls in nonresidential buildings since July 2014.

Certification:

The minimum requirements for ATT certification eligibility are as follows:

1. Three years minimum installation or design experience
2. A member of one of the following industry groups:

Mechanical Systems:

- i. HVAC Installers
- ii. Mechanical Systems Contractors
- iii. Testing and Balancing Certified Technicians
- iv. Professional Engineers
- v. Licensed Architects
- vi. Controls Installation and start-up contractors
- vii. Certified Commissioning Professionals

Lighting Controls:

- i. Electrical Contractors
- ii. Certified General Electricians
- iii. Professional Engineers
- iv. Licensed Architects
- v. Controls Installation and start-up contractors
- vi. Certified Commissioning Professionals

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Registration has opened for the [2021 NECA Convention & Trade Show](#) in Nashville. Attendees will gain in-person access to [industry-leading education](#), top-notch speakers, [networking](#), [entertainment](#) and North America's largest Electrical Construction [trade show](#).

Register before August 31 to lock in your early registration rate! NECA members can unlock the greatest savings by acting right now.



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[NECA 2021 Convention and Trade Show](#)

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[COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standards Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[COVID-19 Customized Road Map - Covid Industry Guidance "Construction"](#)



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*"The bad news is time flies. The good news is
you're the pilot."*