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ACADEMY ANNOUNCES INDUCTEES

The Academy of Electrical Contracting was founded in 1968 in order to honor “exceptional and outstanding service to the electrical contracting industry” and to “preserve and utilize” the experience of Academy Fellows for the benefit of our industry.

Fellows of the Academy must have rendered exceptional service to the industry, and that service is continued and enhanced through aspects of electrical construction in which they have developed expert knowledge. They also participate in issue analysis to determine trends within the industry and make recommendations. An important responsibility for the members of the Academy is participation in long-range studies to ascertain future requirements of the electrical contracting industry. Another requirement of Fellowship is the preparation and delivery of a paper on any subject relevant to the electrical contracting industry.



Pictured above is David Hardt, Chicago & Cook County Chapter, NECA Governor, Hardt Electric, Inc.

David Hardt, Chicago & Cook County Chapter, NECA Governor, Hardt Electric, Inc. is one of seven contractors to be inducted this year during the NECA Convention. The Convention is to be held October 5 - 9, 2007 at the Moscone Convention Center in San Francisco, California.

Congratulations, David!

Portions of this article were excerpted from the “NECA Book 2007” - Academy of Electrical Contracting Section and NECA NEWS, June 25, 2007 edition.

MEMBER FIRM TURNS 50

Electrical Contractors' Association of City of Chicago (ECA) member firm, Shamrock Electric Company, Inc. was formed in 1957.

The company has been an active ECA / NECA member since 1969. We wish Frank Amabile, John O'Shea, Kevin O'Shea, William Fiorito and all those associated with Shamrock Electric Company, Inc. continued success and participation with the Association.

Congratulations, Shamrock!



Pictured above on the Anita Dee II earlier this Summer as Shamrock Electric Company, Inc. celebrated 50 years of service from left to right are: Kevin O'Shea, John O'Shea, Frank Amabile and William Fiorito.

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O'HARE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM (OMP) UPDATE

As the construction for the expansion of O'Hare International Airport slowly begins to ramp up, various bid packages are available for review at the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP) website at: www.OhareModernization.org. Currently, bid advertising for the electrical work for the North and South Airfields is listed below.

North Airfield (Electrical) Project includes:

| | | <u>Anticipated date for advertising</u> |
|----------------------------------|-----|---|
| North LLWAS Expansion/Relocation | --- | September 2007. |

South Airfield (Electrical) Projects include:

| | | <u>Anticipated date for advertising</u> |
|---|-----|---|
| R/W 10C-28C Cargo Tunnel Extension | --- | January 2008 |
| Cargo Apron | --- | January 2008 |
| South RTR's R & S and LLWAS | --- | March 2008 |
| R/W 10C-28C Paving & Electrical (West) | --- | April 2008 |
| R/W 10C-28C Mass Grading & R/W Construction (Central | --- | July 2008 |
| R/W 10C-28C Paving & Electrical (East) & NAVAIDS | --- | April 2009 |

Other projects by work type for the airfields, include: Bituminous, Facility Packages, Bridge Structures, Concrete Paving, Drainage and Earthwork. All projects within these categories have anticipated dates for advertising ranging from Summer 2007 through late Winter 2009. Again, please reference the OMP website for information regarding the various bid packages available.

IBEW CODE OF EXCELLENCE

The NECA Executive Committee is submitting a proposal to this Fall's Board of Governor's Meeting seeking affirmation of the Committee's decision to adopt the industry "Code of Excellence" as Category I language in all NECA-IBEW labor agreements. The leadership of the IBEW have agreed to this proposal.

Here is an excerpt from the Code of Excellence:

"The Code of Excellence is a program designed to bring out the best in our construction members and demonstrate to our customers that IBEW members: perform the highest quality and quantity of work, utilize their skills and abilities to the maximum and exercise safe and productive work practices."

The full Code of Excellence is listed on the IBEW Hour Power website. You may read more about the program at their website at: www.ibewhourpower.com/Code-of-Excellence.html.



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NECA REQUESTS ASSISTANCE -- REPEAL OF 3% WITHHOLDING --

The national office of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) is requesting your assistance in helping to repeal the 3% Withholding Bill. NECA Government Affairs is endeavoring to have more Democratic senators sign on as co-sponsors of S 777 in order to help move this repeal measure, which parallels HR 1034 in the House. In addition to a face-to-face meeting, there are other effective ways to reach your senators, and national NECA can assist. Please follow the example(s) below. Thank you for your participation with this legislative effort.

- 1) **E-mail your senators** by visiting www.necanet.org/private/government/. Click on "Write to Congress" and then "Contact Your Senators on 3% Withholding Repeal" or go directly to www.necanet.org/writetocongress.
- 2) **Call your senators:** Senator Dick Durbin - D.C. office at: (202) 224-2152 and/or Chicago office: (312) 353-4952 & Senator Barack Obama - D.C. Office at: (202) 224-2854 and/or Chicago office: (312) 886-3506.
Then let NECA know that you made the calls with a simple e-mail to jjk@necanet.org so they can follow-up with their office in Washington; or
- 3) **Fax your senators your letter:** Senator Dick Durbin - DC Office fax: (202) 228-0400 & Senator Barack Obama - DC Office fax: (202) 228-5417.
Copy NECA on any fax you send at (301) 215-4500.
If you need assistance, contact Jeff Kohmstedt in NECA Government Affairs at: (301) 215-4542 or by e-mail at: jjk@necanet.org.

ELECTRICAL PROJECT SUPERVISION LEVEL II

The Electrical Contractors' Association of City of Chicago (ECA) Research and Education Committee is proud to present the Electrical Project Supervision Level II (EPS II) program. The EPS II is set to begin on Monday, August 13, 2007 and will continue through October 1, 2007. The EPS II program is designed to strengthen the abilities of project supervisors and provide an understanding in traditional areas as well as develop new skills in emerging areas. Participants gain a new knowledge of the total "supervision" model. The six module program is again being facilitated by Norb Slowikowski.

Please register, as soon as possible. It is recommended that participants have already taken the EPS I Program or equivalent. For further details, please contact the ECA office at: (708) 531-0022.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 13 – October 1, 2007 (6 modules)
Electrical Project Supervision (EPS) Level II Program
Holiday Inn – Oak Brook Oak Brook Terrace, IL

September 12, 2007
ECA Regular Membership Meeting
Courtright's Restaurant Willow Springs, Illinois

September 27, 2007
MVP Program
Hyatt Lodge (McDonald's Campus) Oak Brook, IL

October 3, 2007
ECA Regular Membership Meeting
Rosewood Restaurant Banquets Rosemont, IL

October 5 - 8, 2007
NECA Convention & Trade Show
San Francisco, California

October 9 - 13, 2007
ECA Post Convention Trip
Marquis Los Cabos San Jose Los Cabos, Mexico

November 14, 2007
ECA Regular Membership Meeting
Itasca Country Club Itasca, Illinois

Please contact the Association office for further information on any of these events.

NECA CONVENTION

There's still time to register for the NECA Convention to be held October 5 - 9, 2007 at the Moscone Convention Center in San Francisco, California. The early bird discount rates apply until August 10th.

As a reminder, the Chicago and Cook County Chapter, NECA has chosen the JW Marriott Hotel (formerly the Pan Pacific Hotel) as its Convention hotel. The Chapter reception and buffet dinner is scheduled for Saturday, October 6th at the JW Marriott Hotel.

We do hope that you will be able to attend the Convention. Register soon!

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Members are encouraged to submit articles and ideas for stories to the Association office.

Please note: The totals below for '06 & '07 include all electricians working under the Principal, Communication and Residential Agreements.

MAY EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

| | 2006 | 2007 | Cumulative Hourly Totals |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|
| NUMBER OF CONTRACTORS | 1012 | 928 | 2006 6,943,193 |
| JOURNEYPERSONS & APPRENTICES EMPLOYED | 11,107 | 11,046 | 2007 |
| HOURS WORKED | 1,681,898 | 1,678,000 | 7,011,807 |