ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY NEWS

NECA Boston at NECA National Legislative Conference, Washington, DC, May 12 - 14

WASHINGTON DC – A contingent of NECA Boston Chapter contractors and representatives are attending the NECA National Legislative Conference, May 12 to May 14 in Washington, DC. Key issues impacting the electrical construction industry are being advanced by NECA members, including investing in our nation’s infrastructure, creating new and innovative multi-employer defined benefit pension plans, comprehensive tax reform, and repealing Affordable Care Act tax provisions. Through its active role in the policymaking process and its leadership role in maintaining the highest workforce standards and performance, NECA contributes to the health and success of the electrical contracting industry.

SAFETY NEWS


WEST NEWTON, MA – In April, Boston Chapter members, Aetna Fire Alarm Service Company, J.M. Electrical Company, and Sonet Electrical Systems were recognized as 2015 NECA Safety Excellence Award winners for their outstanding safety performance records. The safety award recognizes the contractors for having OSHA recordable injury rates lower than the industry standard and for implementing internal safety policies above and beyond basic compliance. Aetna Fire Alarm and Sonet Electrical also received NECA 2015 Zero Injury Awards for having worked without a safety incident in a full calendar year.

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CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LEGISLATIVE NEWS

U.S. House Overwhelmingly Rejects Attack on Davis-Bacon Act

WASHINGTON, DC (May 1, 2015) – The following statement was released by North America’s Building Trades Unions, in reaction to the defeat of an amendment to H.R.2029 – The Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2016 – that would have denied enforcement of the Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage statute on military construction projects.

With the support of 52 Republican members, an overwhelming bi-partisan majority in the United States House of Representatives has once again rejected an attempt to erode the Davis-Bacon Act, which ensures the protection of local community wage and benefit standards on federally-funded construction projects. The amendment, sponsored by Representative Steve King (R-IA) was defeated by a decisive vote of 186-235.

The significance of this vote lies in the fact that, on a consistent basis, a large bi-partisan majority of House members intuitively recognize that the Davis-Bacon Act provides value by ensuring efficient work is performed safely, while preserving pathways to the middle class for America’s construction workforce.

This vote should also be viewed as an acknowledgment by federal lawmakers of both parties that there is currently no good evidence demonstrating that repeal of prevailing wage statutes, at any level of government, has actually resulted in cost savings for taxpayers.

To be sure, a strong bi-partisan majority in Congress believes that federal construction projects should not be the vehicle through which local community wage and benefit standards are undermined by ‘low road’ contractors that seek competitive advantage through the deployment of a low-wage, low-skill, easily exploited workforce.

We applaud the United States House of Representatives for once again rejecting such a politically motivated amendment.

NECA Workshop on Change Order Management scheduled at Boston JATC Electrical Industry Training Center on May 28

DORCHESTER, MA – On May 28, executive management, project managers and field supervisors from NECA Boston member contractors will attend the NECA Management Workshop titled Change Order Management in Electrical Construction at the JATC Greater Boston Industry Training Center, 194 Freeport Street in Dorchester. The 7-hour workshop will focus on the effective management of change orders which can significantly alter the nature of the work, materials to be installed, the sequence of scheduled work, and manpower and equipment scheduling.

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