

CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



Eastern Illinois Chapter

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January Meeting Dates

January 9th

JATC Meeting
JATC Office – 3:00 pm

January 10th

Board of Directors Meeting
NECA Office – 8:00 am

January 12th

Chapter Annual Dinner
Syl's, Rockdale – 6:00 pm

January 14th

Audit/LMCC/Bonding Mtg
IBEW 176 Office – 8:30 am

January 16th

H&W/Local Pension Mtg
IBEW 176 Office – 9:00 am

January 28th-30th

District IV Winter Council Mtg
Palm Desert, CA

Upcoming Meeting Dates

February 14th

Board of Directors Meeting
NECA Office – 8:00 am

February 25th

Joint Safety Mtg
NECA Office – 5:00 pm

ComEd Seeks More Electrical Contractors

Your Chapter Manager, Scott Dworschak, along with representatives of IBEW Local 176, recently met with Steve McVoy who oversees a part of Commonwealth Edison's energy efficiency program. They are seeking electrical contractors to participate in the program which has over a \$300 million annual budget. There are many ways to participate, in addition to the Trade Ally Program many of you may already be familiar with. Copy & paste the following link for further information on the program:

<https://www.comed.com/WaysToSave/ForYourBusiness/Documents/TradeAllyApplicationForm.pdf>

ComEd's energy efficiency plan was approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission in 2017, offers 30 programs that are expected to help ComEd residential, business and public-sector customers achieve more energy savings by the end of 2021 and stimulate job creation. Programs include a variety of energy efficiency options, such as rebates on appliances, instant lighting discounts and savings on installation of HVAC and weatherization. Some of the savings can be accessed by consumers directly, such as energy efficient thermostat's and light bulbs, but much of the program involves lighting, data, and other electrical components replacement at commercial, public sector, and industrial levels.

ComEd is looking for electrical contractors to pair up with to promote and install the energy saving devices. The types of programs vary widely, but they all offer some type of direct savings to either the customer, or the contractor performing the work, or both. ComEd isn't looking for contractors to perform work sporadically, but contractors that are willing and able to devote the resources to make energy efficiency upgrades a committed part of your business. ComEd feels that the amount of work available based upon the healthy incentives they are offering is worth the effort, and it may be of interest to your current business model. If we receive enough interest we may invite ComEd to host a meeting on the program, or invite them to our next Quarterly Meeting to discuss further. Contact Scott if you are interested in more information on these programs.

NECA Now to Convene this April in Phoenix, Arizona

NECA Now focuses on leadership development with presentations by top business experts. Other sessions cover a variety of current topics including business development, operations, financing, and personal development. This meeting will be held in Phoenix, Arizona at the JW Marriot Desert Ridge Resort from April 1 through April 4. Our Chapter Board has approved reimbursing the registration fees for all members wishing to attend. If interested, or for more information, contact our Chapter Manager, Scott Dworschak.

JATC Update

The JATC Program presently has 112 apprentices, as well as 3 residential trainees and 5 VDV trainees in school. The JATC committee has plans to interview more apprentice candidates in February.

NECA Seeks New Chief Executive Officer

John Grau, who has served as NECA CEO for over thirty years, has announced his retirement effective next Summer. John's stewardship has made NECA an influential national voice for our industry and will be missed.

A Search Committee has been formed and is tasked with evaluating a wide range of candidates, and will ultimately recommend a final candidate for hire to the Executive Committee. The newly selected Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will hopefully be announced to the membership early next year.



MANPOWER REPORT

Based on Monthly Benefit Reports for the work month of November 2018

| | <u>Inside</u> | <u>Res</u> | <u>VDV</u> | <u>Sign</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| Local Contractors | 43 | 6 | 8 | 6 |
| Traveling Contractors | <u>97</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>29</u> | <u>1</u> |
| | 140 | 10 | 37 | 7 |
| Workers-Local | 558 | 6 | 45 | 15 |
| Workers-Travelers | <u>409</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>86</u> | <u>1</u> |
| | 967 | 14 | 131 | 16 |
| Hours-Local | 79,322 | 714 | 4,585 | 2,805 |
| Hours-Travelers | <u>35,974</u> | <u>882</u> | <u>1,629</u> | <u>209</u> |
| | 115,296 | 1,596 | 6,214 | 3,014 |

Number of Workers

Registered for Work as of 12/27/18:

Book I.....205

Book II.....130

Apprentices.....25

Residential Wiremen.... 7

Residential Trainees....0

VDV Tech....33

VDV Trainees....0